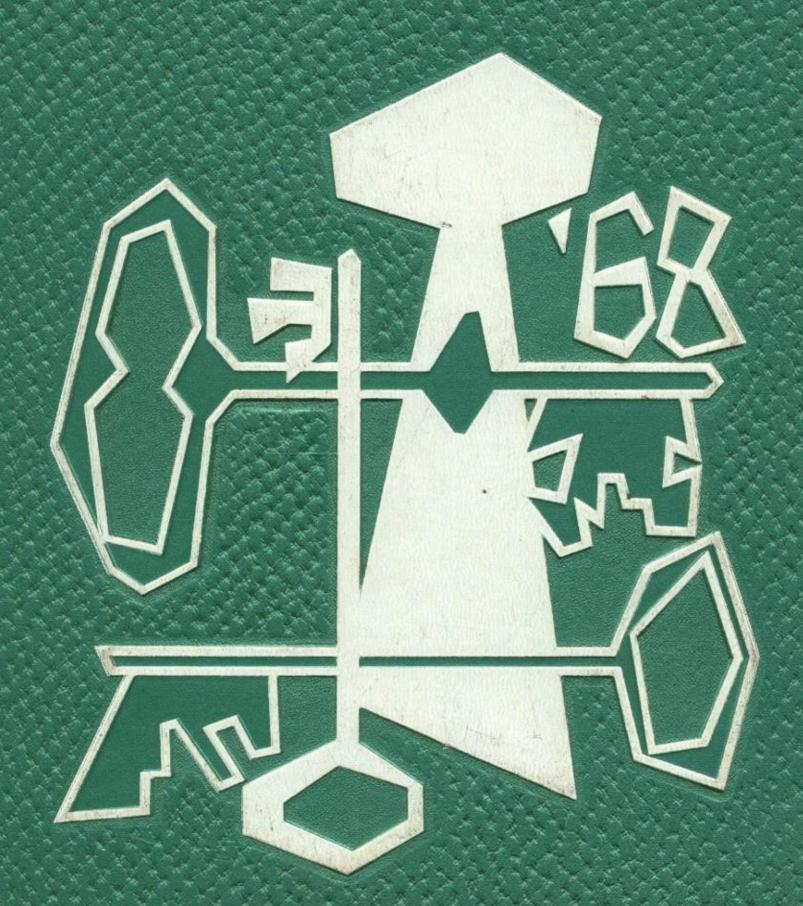
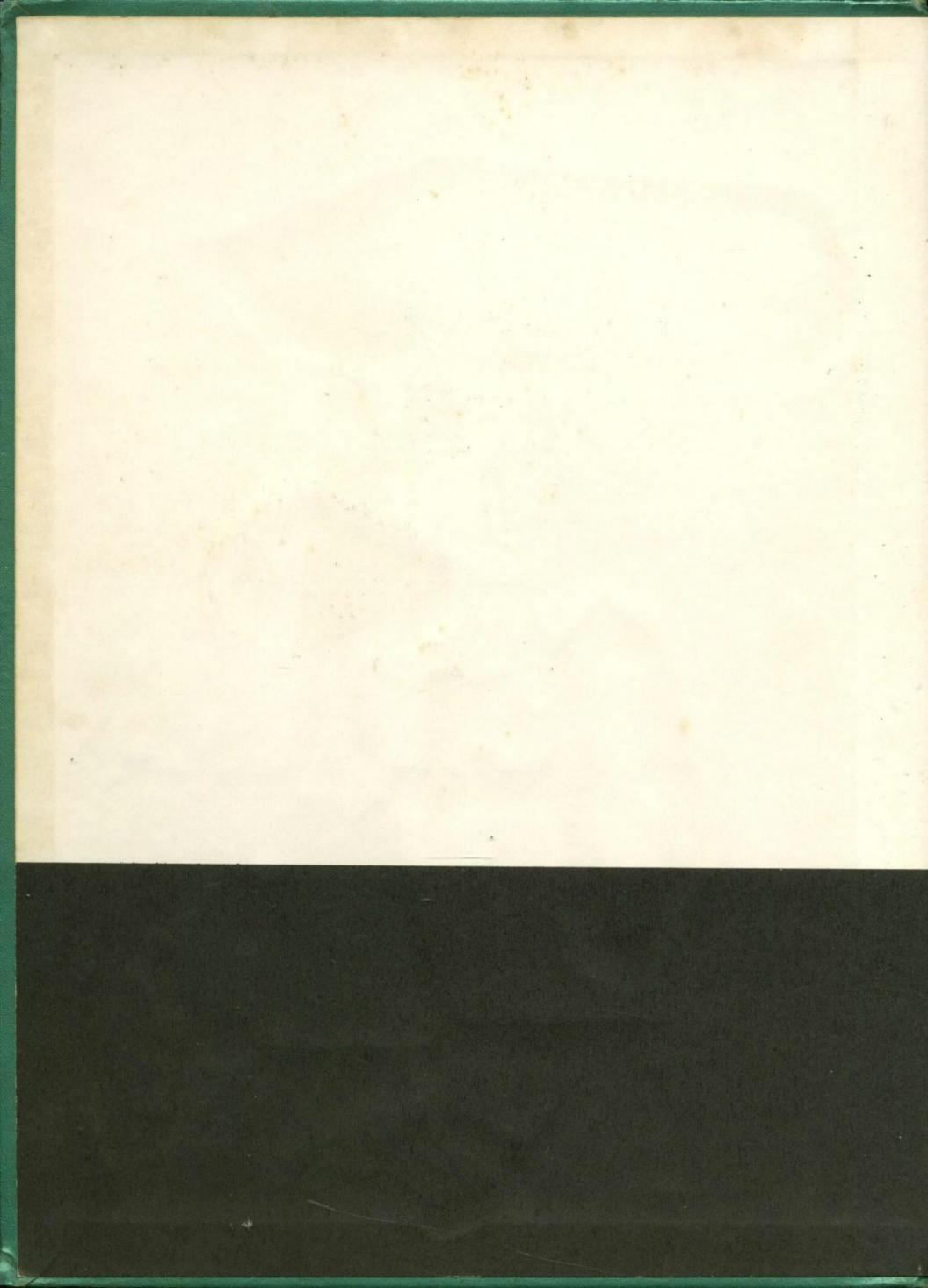
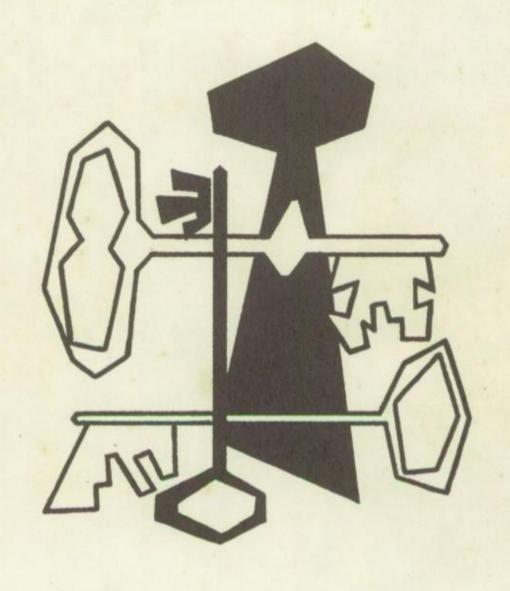
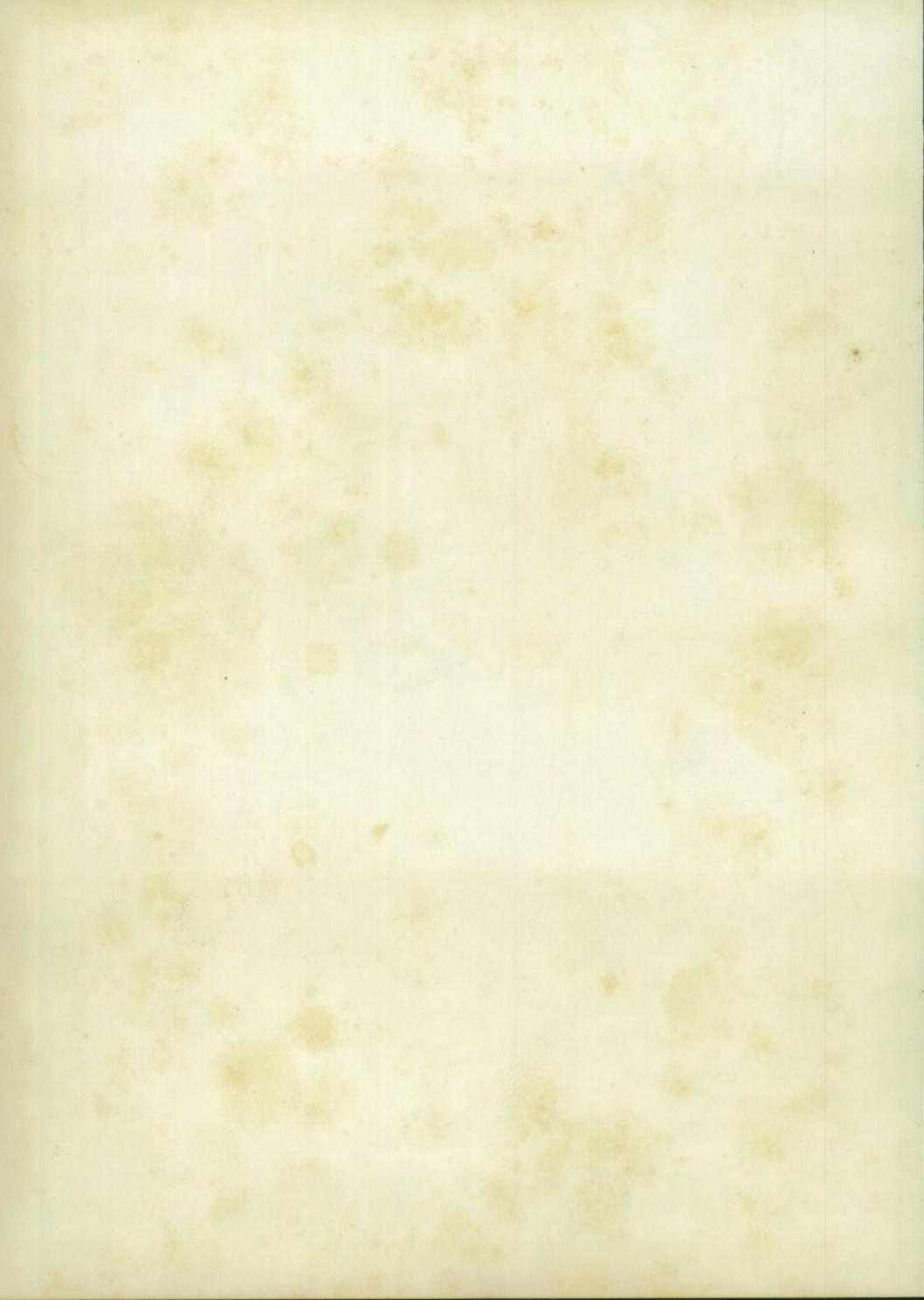
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# IN MEMORIAM



L. L. (Bud) Van Berg

In grateful appreciation to one who gave unstintingly of his time and energy in serving the school and community.

#### **FOREWORD**

Recording the activities and highlights of an eventful, worthwhile school year has been the purpose of the 1968 BENGAL.

This year the yearbook staff has the privilege of presenting a picture sque account of the 1967-68 school year within our new high school.

Our theme, "The Key to Success Through Education," not only depicts the key to our high school, but the key which unlocks the door to success.

We hope in some way that this edition pleases you; but even more, that in years to come it will evoke welcome memories of your days at Mercedes High School.

THE BENGAL STAFF

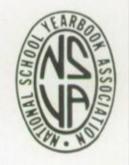
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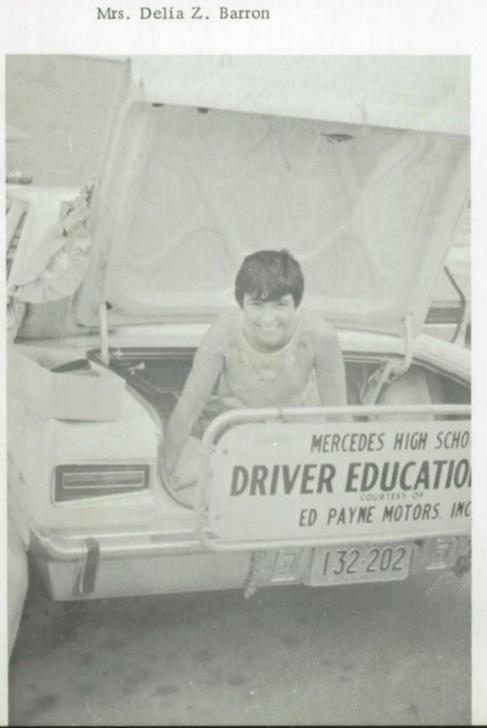
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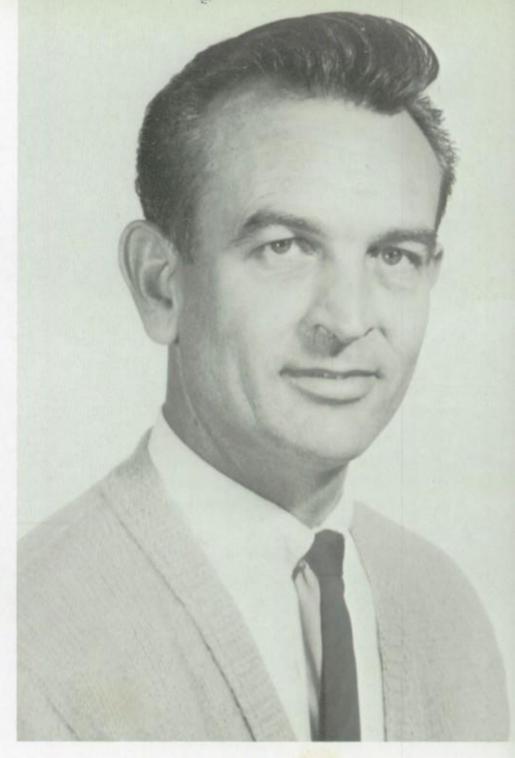
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Mr. Alvin Smith



# THE 1968 BENGAL PROUDLY SALUTES...

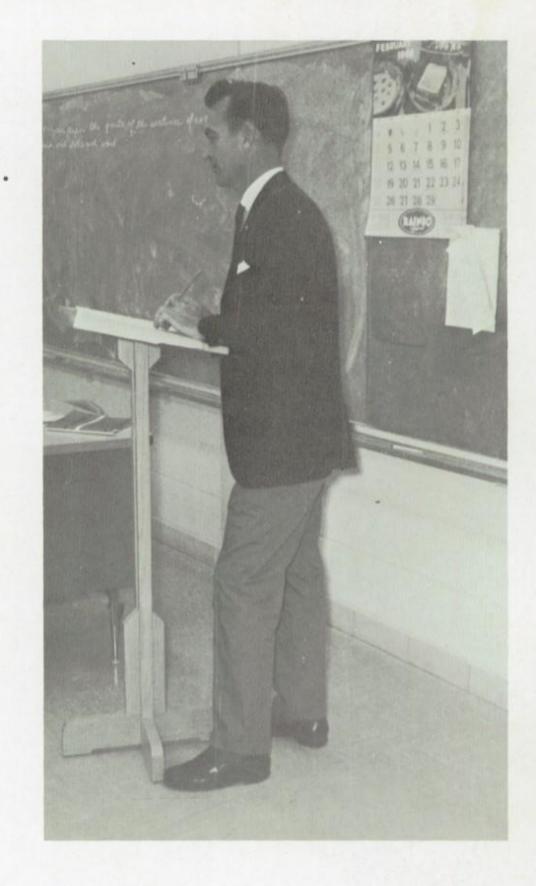
WE DEDICATE the 1968 BENGAL to two of the most wonderful people at Mercedes High School.

Mrs. Delia Barrón our high school counselor helps all of the student body in some way. Her warm friendly personality is known throughout the school. As part of her job, this past summer she attended the Journalism Workshop at Trinity University with part of the BENGAL staff. Her helpful hints, good suggestions, and special favors are truly appreciated.

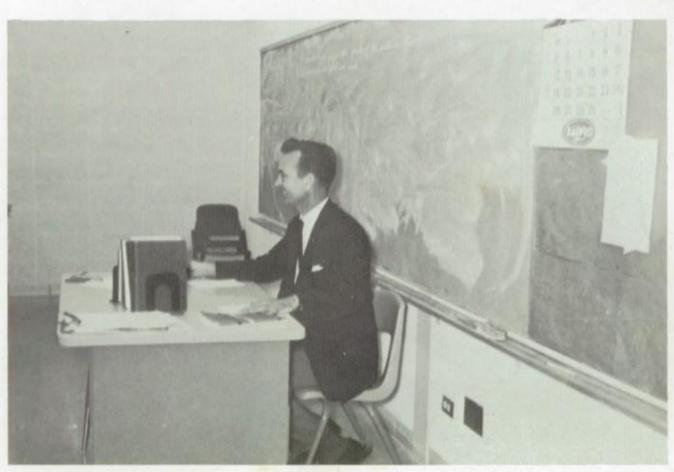
Mr. Alvin Smith is head of the English Department, junior class sponsor, and director of the Senior Play. His service to the school is displayed in his willingness to help students. The BENGAL staff greatly appreciates his help in correcting BENGAL proofs and his help at the concession stands during football season.

We thank you very much for allowing us to become a part of your lives.

> Mrs. Delia Z. Barrón Mr. Alvin Smith





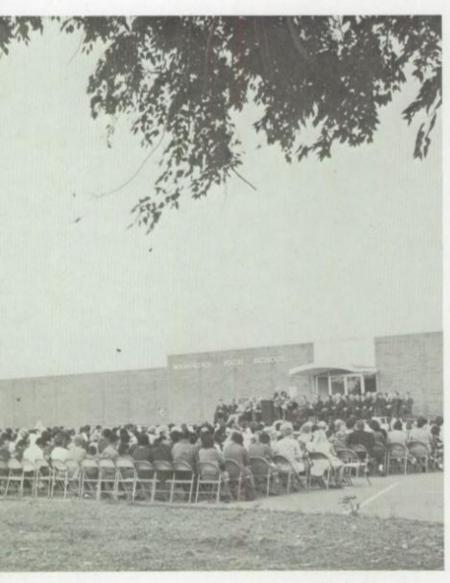


ADMINISTRATION

# SUPERINTENDENT STRESSES PROGRESS IN SCHOOLS

N. K. Fitzgerald has been Superintendent of the Mercedes Independent School District for Five years. He has been in the school district for a total of fifteen years.

His invaluable assistance has been a great asset to the school. He contributed greatly toward the building of our new Mercedes High School.



Fitzgerald was master of ceremonies at dedication.



Mr. N. K. Fitzgerald, Superintendent



School Board members are, front row, left to right: Robert Villanueva, President; W. C. Russ III, Member; Anselmo Sanchez, Tax Assessor and Collector; Ignacio Romeros, Secretary. Back row: Gilbert Dominguez, Member; N. K. Fitzgerald, Supt.; Charles Greenwood, Member; Joe Bono, Member; Bob Marroquin, Member.

# ADMINISTRATORS WORK TO KEEP PACE WITH GROWING SCHOOL SYSTEM

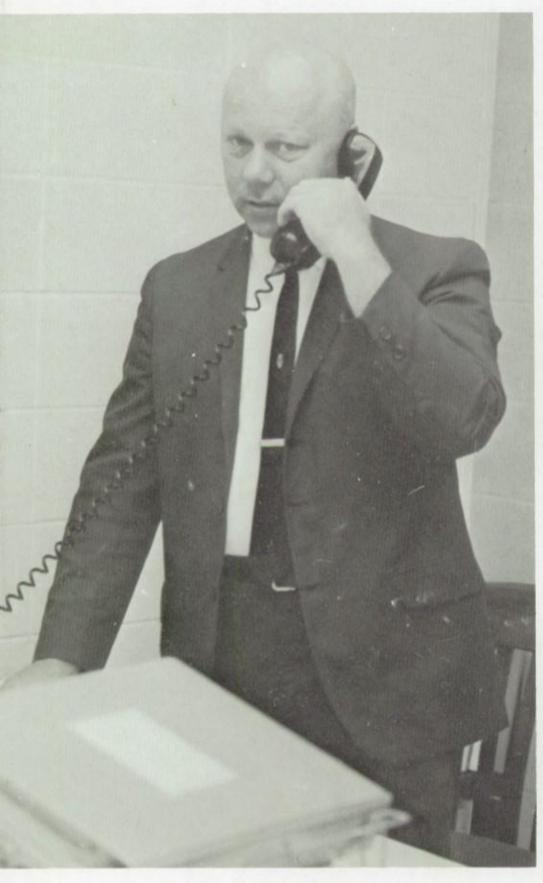


Mr. Harvey L. Broyles, Curriculum and Special Programs Director.

The Board of Education of the Mercedes Independent School District sets the executive polices under which the school administration operates.

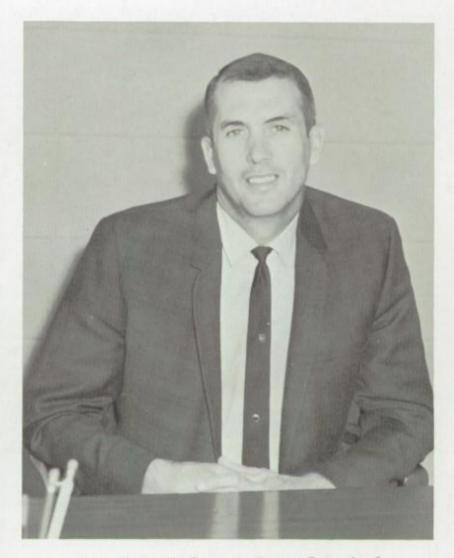
A new position added to our school system is the Curriculum and Special Programs Director. Mr. Harvey L. Broyles holds this position. He works under the supervision of the Superintendent of Schools. His duties are to assist the superintendent in administering the instructional program within the framework of the philosophy and objectives of the Mercedes Public Schools.

### THREE NEW ADMINISTRATORS FOR MHS



Mr. Emmett Albright, Principal

In addition to our new high school, we have a new administrative staff; our new principal, Mr. Emmett Albright and two new assistant principals, Mr. Dale Hatley and Mr. Milton Hild.



Mr. Dale Hatley, Assistant Principal



Mr. Milton Hild, Assistant Principal





# ADMINISTRATORS PERFORM DAILY TASKS

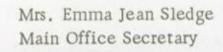


Mrs. Beth Tankersley, Secretary



Mrs. Veda Freeman, Secretary

Mrs. Barbara Halliburton Main Office Secretary



Mrs. Mary Stokes Librarian







MHS has a two member counseling staff. Mrs. Barron helps upper classmen. Her main duties are preparing seniors for graduation and advising them on future activities. A new addition to the counseling staff is Mrs. Cowden. She devotes her time to counseling the freshmen.

Mrs. Tankersley and Mrs. Freeman our two secretaries are kept busy throughout the day. They perform such tasks as keeping records, issuing car permits, and many other jobs too numerous to mention.

We also have a nurse, Mrs. Davidson, who tries to keep our students healthy. And Mrs. Stokes, our librarian. Mrs. Stokes has managed to keep our library well supplied and arranged to the point where it is no longer a hard task to make a research paper on a given subject but an adventerous experience.



Mrs. Opal Davidson School Nurse

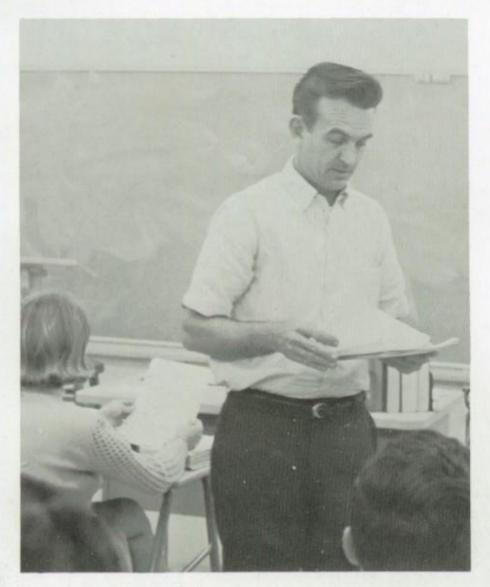


Mrs. Stokes is making use of the study carrols, one of the many new additions to our new library.



English Department members are, standing: Mr. A. Smith, Department Head; Mrs. F. Hild; Mrs. C. Cowden; Mr. C. Fisher; seated: Mrs. B. Hatley; Miss G. Evans; Miss Fusselman; Miss L. Dock.

#### ENGLISH SERVES PURPOSE

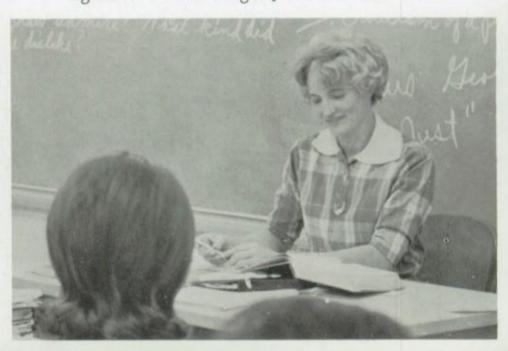


Mr. Smith gladly hands out papers to students.

Mercedes High School places special emphasis on the development of good speech. Four years of English, as well as two of Speech, and two of Journalism are offered by the English Department to help achieve this goal.

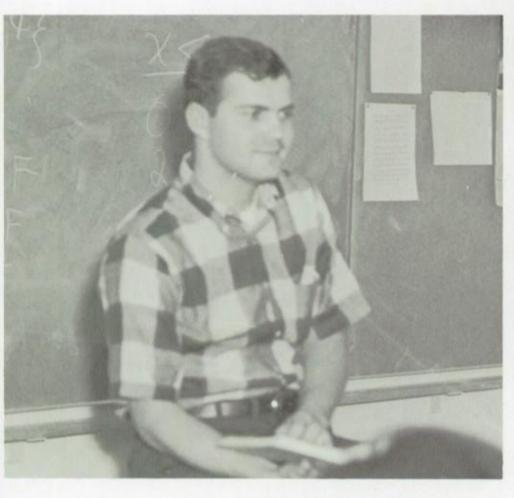
In order to prepare for the UIL contests students are urged to attend plays at Kingsville and Weslaco. In turn this will allow them to develop their skills in drama and their knowledge of literature.

English IV students eagerly listen to Mrs. Hild.



#### MATH A PERPLEXING SUBJECT

Mathematics has often been called the "most exact science." As such, it has become an integral part of scientific study at Mercedes High School. The courses offered are related math, Algebra I and II, business math, plane geometry, and Math IV.



Mr. Bailey is MHS's enthusiastic Math teacher.

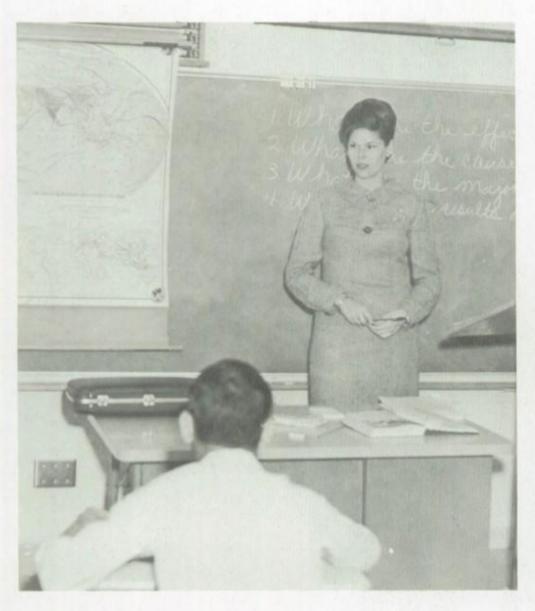


The overhead projector plays an important part in the classrooms throughout the entire school.

Mathematics Department members are, seated: Mrs. E. J. Atteberry, Department Head; Miss W. Russell. Standing: Mrs. D. R. Brewer; Mr. R. Hernandez; Mr. R. Rodriquez; Mr. J. R. Jones; Mr. J. Bailey.



#### HISTORY CHALLENGES STUDENTS



Mrs. Churchill informs her students of the Crusades.

World history, American history, and Civics are the subjects included in social studies.

World history is taken by most Sophomores. This course involves civilizations from prehistoric times up to the present. American history classes are mainly taken by Juniors. These classes consist mainly of studying the founding of our nation and the events that led to world prominence. At least one semester of Civics is required for graduation.



Civics Students are involved in a heated debate.

Social Studies Department members are, seated: Mr. J. A. Mymern; Mrs. K. Churchill; Miss I. Garrett. Standing: Mr. B. Walker; Mr. R. Jones; Mr. M. R. Churchill, Department Head.



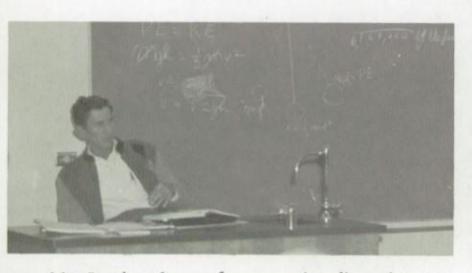


Science Department members are, seated: Mr. W. F. Guest; Mr. J. C. McQueen, Department Head. Standing: Mr. Lehman; Mr. L. R. Murphy; Mr. R. C. Brooks.

# SCIENCE A FIELD OF RESEARCH

To most students chemistry is a bewildering subject. Balancing equations, explaining principles, and experimenting in the chemistry lab is part of their daily work. Mr. Murphy is the teacher who must put up with about one-hundred chemistry students.

The Biology, Physical Science and Chemistry classes have their own rooms and instruments with which to work. This is a great help to both students and teacher.



Mr. Brooks relaxes after an active discussion.



Mr. Murphy points out a new specimen to his students.



Foreign Language Department members are, standing: Mrs. M. A. Baingo; Mrs. Drawe; Miss I. Hawley; Mrs. G. Goza, Department Head; seated: Miss E. Padilla; Mrs. N. Rodriguez.

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE LABORATORY EFFICIENT ADDITION



Foreign Language students enjoy the new addition - the foreign language laboratory. This is a new experience for all and the students look forward to developing their skills with other languages.

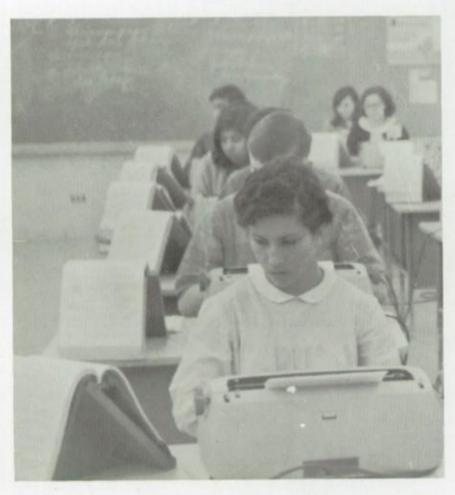
Besides having an all female teaching staff in the Foreign Language Department, we also have a new foreign language lab. The lab is a totally new addition to Mercedes High School. It helps both teacher and students to determine how well they are progressing.



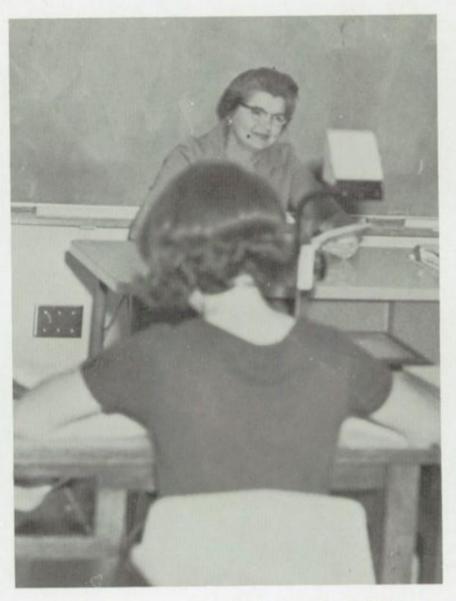
Through practice, Mrs. Goza has conquered the console.

#### BUSINESS DEVELOPS SKILLS

Mercedes hosts a very good Business Department. Among the courses offered are Typing I and II, Stenography, and a business course. Mercedes High School is the only high school in Texas to carry an all electric type-writing class.



Manuscripts and jobs keep students typing.



Mrs. Lauder explains the fundamentals of filling out the income tax forms to her students.

Business Department members are, seated: Mrs. W. B. Dillard, Department Head. Standing: Miss Causey; Mrs. J. Lauder; Mr. L. Petross.





Vocational and Work-Study Program Department members are: Mr. B. Pruitt; Mr. L. Saldana, Jr.; Mrs. C. McGill; Mr. J. Dollery, Vocational Department Head; Mr. D. Tidwell, Distributive Education Director.

### PREPARING FOR FUTURE VOCATIONS

VOE student, Virginia Munoz, uses the adding machine during a class assignment.



Vocational Office Education, Distributive Education, and Agriculture are part of the vocational courses offered at MHS. These courses prepare and equip students with knowledge and experience which will help them develop a sense of responsibility. This, in turn, will serve as a stepping stone toward future vocations.

Driver Education helps many of the members of our young society learn the proper meaning and usage of an automobile.

Mr. Dollery, Ag. I, III, and IV instructor, reviews the class for an exam.



#### MUSIC AND ART ADD CULTURE TO MHS

Music and art classes add beauty and musical culture to our school. Mrs. Haynes introduces numerous ideas and projects to her artistic students.

Mr. Teltschik and Mr. Aguilar instruct our band into becoming one of the top ranking bands in the Valley and state of Texas. Another outstanding cultural feature is our choir, directed by Mr. Penn. The choir presents several concerts throughout the year.



Mrs. Haynes enjoys helping her art students.



Band members devote many hours of their spare time to prepare for the Pigskin Jubilee.

Fine Arts and Music Department members are, Mr. J. H. Penn, Mrs. P. Haynes, Mr. Aguilar, Mr. A. Teltschik, Department Head.





Homemaking Department members are, Mrs. V. Pruitt, Department Head; Mrs. E. West, Mrs. H. Gorena, Mrs. Beas-ley.

### HOMECOMING, A CHALLENGING SUBJECT

Homemaking is divided into two major fields, cooking and sewing.

Each spring, students present a style show, displaying their accomplishments. Girls also study good grooming when taking a homemaking course.

Mrs. Pruitt instructs her students on the proper way to handle cooking utensils.

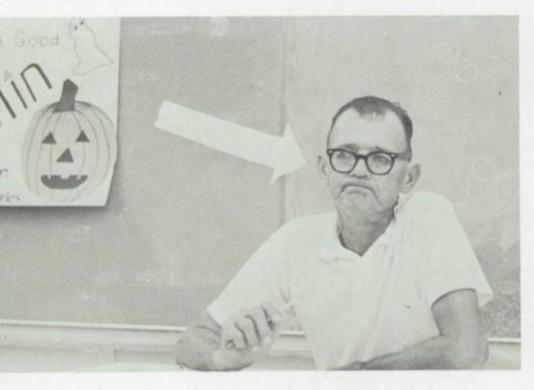


Mildred Rios and Isabel Garza work earnestly to complete their class projects.

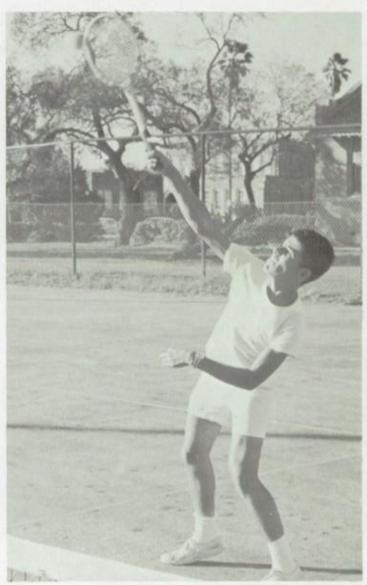


#### PE STRENGTHENS MIND AND BODY

Physical education helps develop not only healthy bodies but sportmanship among the students. Students actively participate in sports as well as in a classroom course on rules and regulations of physical education.



Uh! That's a good question!



Benjamin Garcia, as all the tennis students, uses proper serving techniques.

Physical Education Department members are, left to right: Coach Bill Walker, Mrs. L. Tidwell, Coach Roland Jones, Coach D. Slayton.





Mr. A. P. Solis Visiting Teacher



Teacher Aides are: Mrs. Acker, Mrs. B. Lugg, Mrs. Garza, Mrs. Drawe, Mrs. Moffett.

# VISITING TEACHER, AIDES, LIBRARY



Library Assistants are, left to right: Cathy Mitchell, Kathy Canty, Maggie Cardenas, Anna Balboa, Maria Olga Martinez, Linda Harrison, Maureen Hager, Odilia Vasquez, Mary Lou Benavides, Erendira Aparicio.



Mr. Hild's Office Workers are, left to right, Kneeling: Delia Trevino, Anne Sauceda, Ida Martinez, Candelaria Munoz, Rosie Garcia, Letty Garcia, sitting, Janette Fletcher, Maria Elena Rodriguez, Idolinda Gomez, Mary Alica Perez, Theodora Alaniz, Rosie Sanchez, standing, Gilsie Knapp, Vickie Wade, Irene Aguilar, Lydia De Hoyos, Sylvia Palacios, Alicia Villarreal, Margaret Torres, Rosie Guajardo, Billy Jo Irvin.

#### ASSISTANTS, AND OFFICE WORKERS

Main Office Workers are, sitting, from left to right: Socorro Palomo, Cindy Champion, Barbara Reger, Yvonne Romeros, Cande Ramirez, Rosalinda Garza, Florinda Reyes. Row Two: Dennis Raulie, Emma Flores, Gretchen Hovda, Carmen Garza, Diana Cortez, Elma Guajardo, Lupita de la Fuente, Lydia Barron. Row Three: Shirley Massey, Barbara Raulie, Susan Dillon, Patti Swain, Pat Harville, Naty Garza, Fidelia Quintanilla, Trent Taylor.



SENIORS



Senior Class Officers, back row: Rolando Bono, Belinda Hernandez, Yolanda Ortiz, Bebe Crooks, Ramon Gonzales, and Homer Garza. Front row: Beatrice de Leon, Barbara Reger, Mary Edna Basaldua, and Sharon Jones.

President	Rolando Bono
Vice-President	Homer Garza
Recording Secretary	Beatrice de Leon
Corresponding Secretary.	Barbara Reger
Treasurer	Belinda Hernandez
Reporter	Yolanda Ortiz
Parliamentarian	Ramon Gonzales
S.C. Rep	Mary Edna Basaldua
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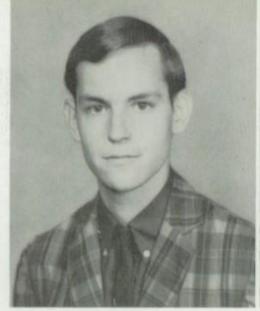
Senior sponsors are, left to right, Mr. Churchill, Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Goza, Mrs. Hild, and Mr. McQueen.

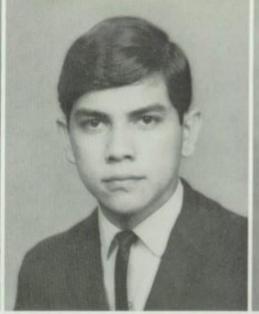


#### SENIORS OF '68 SET GOOD EXAMPLES

In the fall of '67, about 136 students succeed in becoming the leaders of Mercedes High School. Prepared to face the future, the distinguished seniors met their last year with brighter hopes. Everything they did was important because it served as an example for the three other classes. Throughout the years they participated in many school activities. They held most of the offices in most of the clubs. In previous years they cooperated with other upperclassmen in making Mercedes High a better school. As they looked back through their school life they knew that they had accomplished a great deal.

By taking business courses many Seniors were prepared to go into the business world. While some did not take any business courses, they will undoubtedly go on to college. Taking college admission tests and applying for the different colleges are among the things they had to do. But regardless of all the hard work involved, the Class of '68 managed to set a good example for all the underclassmen to follow when their turn came to be the leaders of MHS.







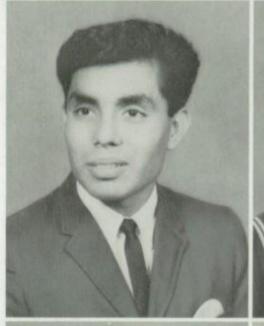
Martin Albright

Eluteria Aleman

# SENIORS COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER



Oh, you. . . can't you understand!!!!!











Angelita Benavidez



Mary Rose Benavidez



Jaime Aparicio Arturo Ayala Marcela Baker Keith Billings



Rodolfo Aparicio Yolanda Ayala Mary Edna Basaldua Jose Rolando Bono

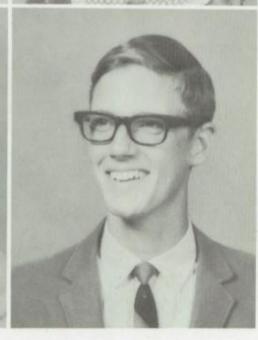




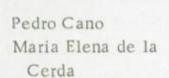


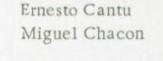
Martin Brewer Mary Helen Cantu Martha Chimely Bebe Crooks





Justa Cano Anita Cavazos Diana Cortez Ray Dillon





# SENIORS ATTEND WEEKLY SENIOR MEETINGS



Seniors listen attentively at Senior meetings?

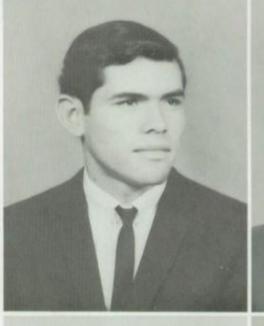


Edelmiro Dominguez Abraham Flores

Richard Drawe San Juanita Flores



Senior cheerleaders, Yolanda Ortiz and Barbara Reger say, "Tigers Grreat!"





Noel Fernandez Olga Franco David Galvan Amalia Garcia





Janet Fletcher Berta Galvan Jesus Garces Angelita Garcia



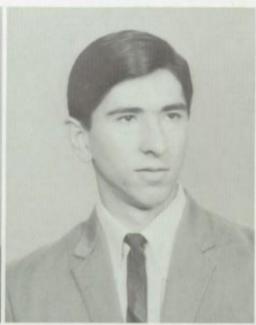


We're going to walk these halls!!

















Elida Garcia Maria Leticia Garcia Robert D. Garcia Natividad Garza

Margarita Garcia Mary Ester Garcia Carmen Garza Susano Garza

Homer Garza Juan Manuel Gomez

Mario Garza Lydia Gomez

# SENIOR CANDIDATE BELINDA HERNANDEZ IS HALLOWEEN QUEEN



























Diana Gonzalez Virginia Guerrero

Ramon Gonzalez Reynaldo Gutierrez

Rosalinda Gomez Ana Maria Gonzalez Felicitas Guajardo Roetta Harrell

Adan Gonzalez Cynthia Gonzalez Maria Anita Guajardo Belinda Hernandez





Florencia Hernandez Ted Hollon Beatrice de Leon Lindley Lentz



Juanita Hernandez Janice Hoverson Catarino de Leon Armando Lopez



J. R. Bono, Class President, points out to Diane Rios the committee she has been appointed to.





Mary Lou Quintanilla



Maria Luisa Quiroga























Fidelia Quintanilla Barbara Reger Maria Reyes Marilyn Roach

Arturo Rodriguez

Maria Elena Rodriguez

Clemente Ramos Florinda Reyes Diane Rios Mario Rodriguez









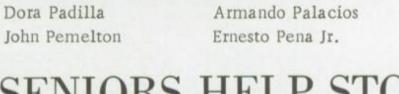






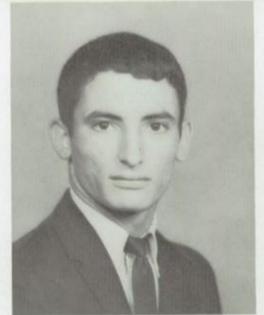




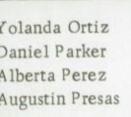


## SENIORS HELP STOP THE RAGING FLOOD WATERS



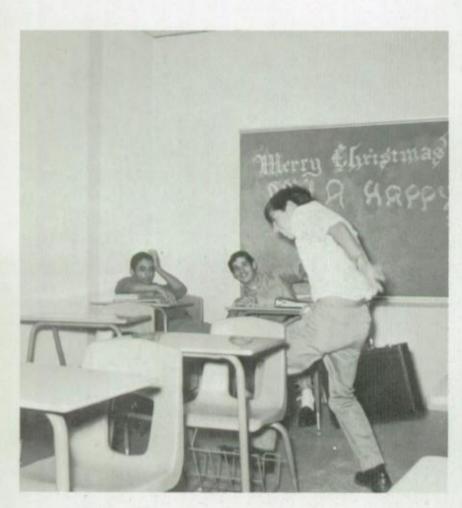




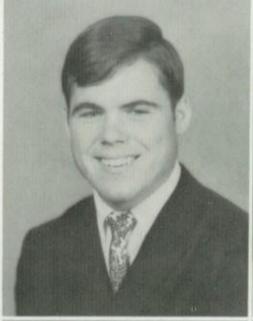


Sylvia Palacios Ruben Pena Saul Pineda Oralia Puentes

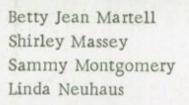




Seniors Homer Garza, Saul Pineda and Roland Marronquin clown around on the day before Christmas holidays.



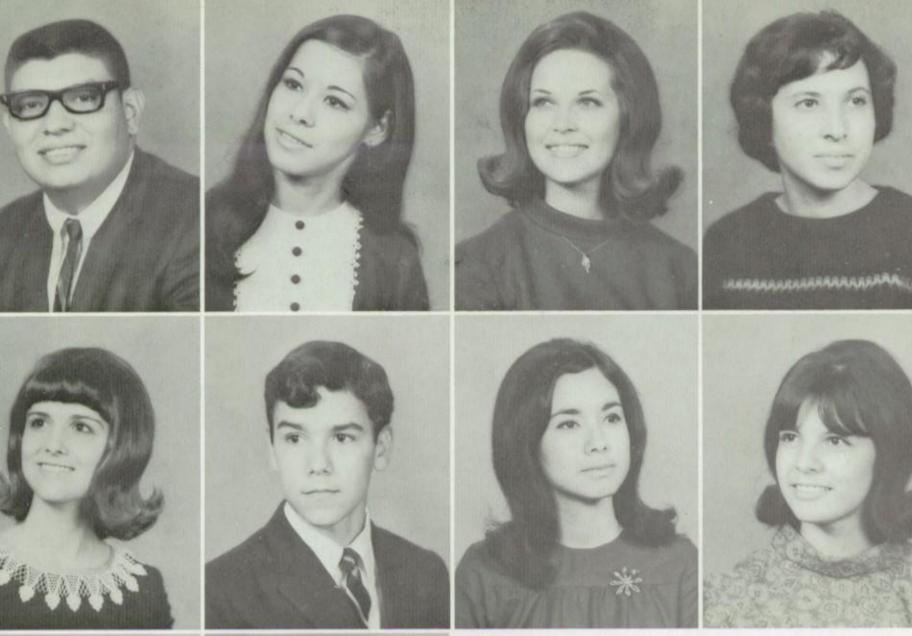




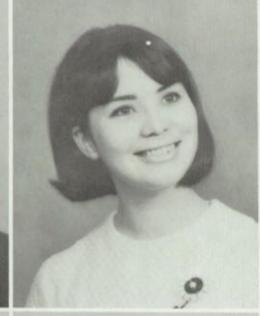




Enoelia Martinez Sylvia Ann Mondragon Virginia Munoz Argentina Ortiz



Derrelene Ryan San Juanita Serna





Rodolfo Rodriguez Elena de la Rose
Sherri Schwarz Leonel Serna
Clemente Solis Rosa Nelda Solis
Patti Swain Margarita Torres

# SENIOR BAND MEMBERS GET THEIR JACKETS

Gloria Sauceda

Gloria Silva





Enrique Trevino



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Consuelo Trevino

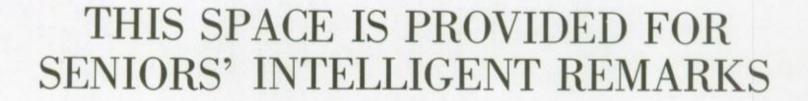
Oscar Villareal



Odilia Valero Mary Zavala



Nelda Villareal





SENIOR CLASS FAVORITES - Mary Edna Basaldua and Keith Billings



Junior class officers are: Josefina Avila, Esther Sanchez, Kandyce Lugg, Veronica Galvan, Oscar Garcia, and Larry Schwarz.

President	Josefina	Avila
Vice-President	Esther San	nchez
Recording Secretary		
Corresponding Secretary	Veronica G	alvan
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Parliamentarian		

### JUNIORS WILL BE NEXT YEAR'S LEADERS

During the year, the Junior Class works very hard on their many activities. Their main activity is planning the Junior-Senior Prom. Everyone helps to raise money this year by working at the concession stands at the football games.

To prepare themselves for being next year's leaders, Junior students run for the office of Student Council President and other major offices in the school clubs.

Juniors receive their Senior rings some time in March.

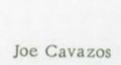
By participating in athletic events such as football, basketball, track, and baseball, Juniors help their school. This year's junior class favorites are Maureen Hager and Oscar García.





Maria Guadalupe Carreon







Carmen Castaneda



Sandra Champion





Teresa Contreras

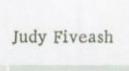




Paul Cotter



Minnie Daniels Myrthala Dominquez Adan Estrada Antonio Flandes



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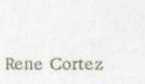








Bertha Contreras





Johnny Flores



Veronica Galvan Bobby Garcia



Joe Oscar Garcia



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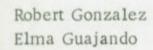








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David Hovda



Teresa Hoverson









Estella Jilpas Joe Jilpas

David Howell Walter Howell











Brad Jones

Gilsie Knapp

Dalia Leal

Colma Lentz



Estela Lopez

Gloria Lopez



Esperanza Longoria

Kandyce Lugg



Arturo Manzano Mike Marroquin

Alma Marroquin Saul Martell



Casimiro Martinez

Olga Martinez

Robert Miller

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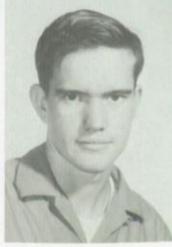
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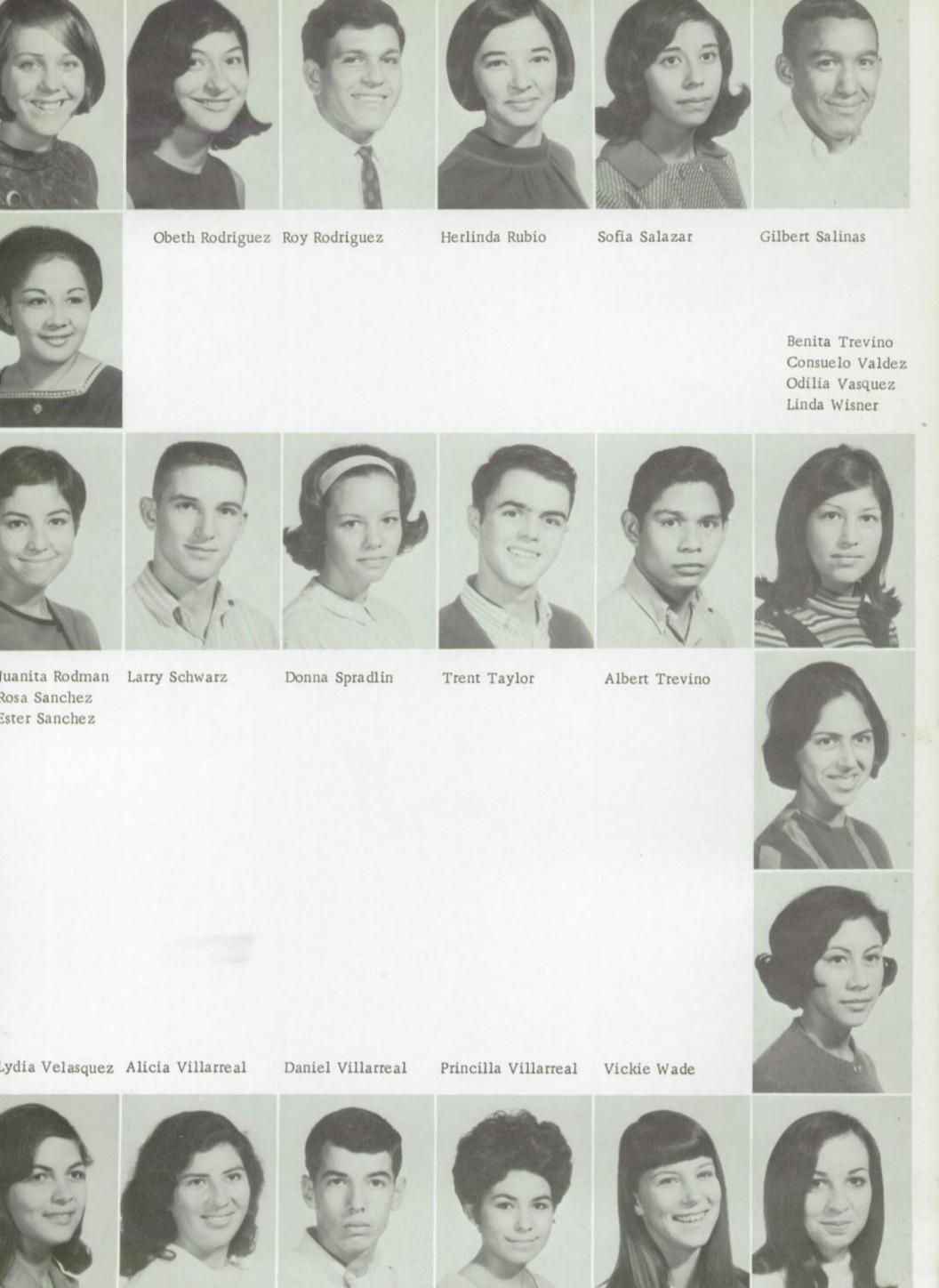
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Isidro Robles



Olga Rocha





"Us Aggies don't always work!" Right, Mr. Murphy?



"Now men, don't get discouraged because we haven't won a single game."



VW's too small, huh, Mr. Bailey?

Mr. Albright, there's no need to get excited because someone pulled the fire alarm.



Good examples are always set by Ag. teachers.

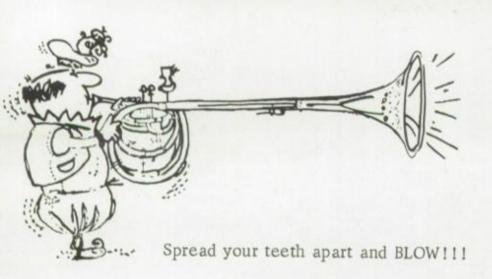


Why, Mr. Smith, what will your wife say!?

But Mr. Jones we don't understand Algebra.







How old did you say the machines were, Mrs. Pruitt?

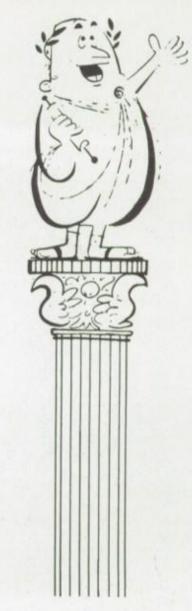


Revenge is sweet, Mr. Churchill.





Coach Hild always keeps order.



Mr. Taylor here's your insert.

It is time for BENGAL to go to press and we are sorry the spring activities cannot appear in this annual. They will, however, be in next year's annual.





Sophomore Class Officers are, sitting, left to right: Irma Ortiz, Jesse Howell, and Cindy Champion. Standing, left to right, Gene Billings, Art Cowden, and Scott Sparrow.



George Galvan and Irma Ortiz smile after being named class favorites.

President Je	SSC HOWELL
Vice-President Sco	ott Sparrow
Secretary	Champion
Reporter	
Treasurer Ge	ene Billings
Parliamentarian	Art Cowden

### SOPHOMORES CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR SUCCESS

This year's sophomores have really shown their school spirit. The sophomores started the year by electing their class officers and later their class favorites.

Settled after their freshmen year, they were full of pep and ready to work. The sophomores had the opportunity to join organizations that were open to them.

Among other projects, the sophomores present a skit which is presented at the Junior-Senior Prom.



Bocanegra Fernando Briseño Amadeo Cadena Antonio Cano Esmeralda Cano Humberto Cano

Magdalena Cardenas

Magdalena Benito Carreon Castañeda Cindy Champion Toni Chapa





Daniels David Elizondo

de la Fuente Gilbert Flores

de la Fuente Minerva Flores

Tomasa Garcia Isabel Garza

de los Santos Yolanda Flores

Daniel Franco

Dollery Rosario Galvan

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Benjamin Garcia Maria Garcia Martha Garcia

Emma Garcia Maria Garcia Miguel Garcia

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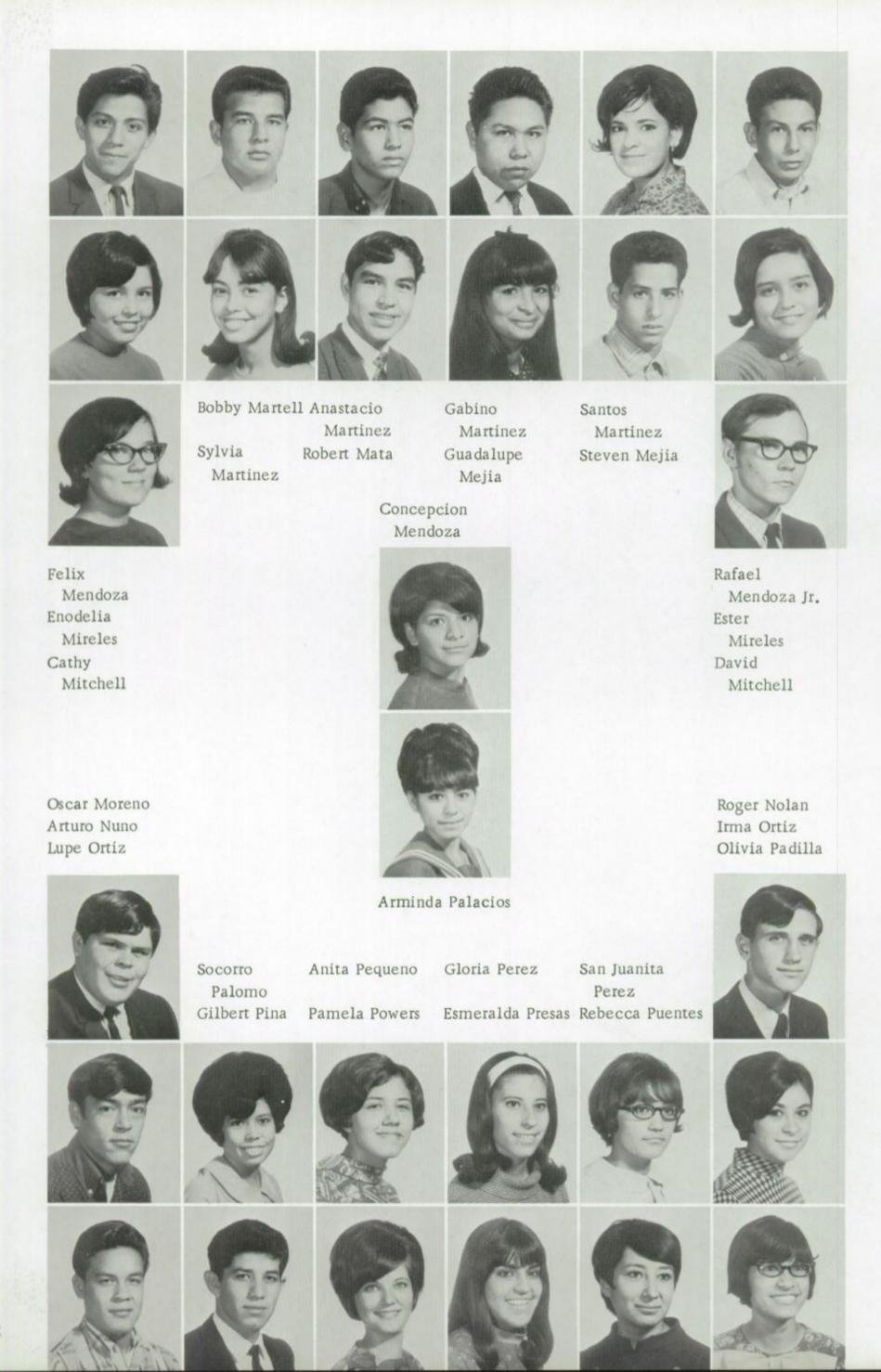




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Pedro Reyna

Glafira Rincon Angelita Rivera Becky Rodriguez Lita Lee

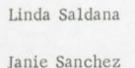
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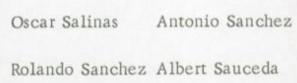
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Maria Guadalupe Rodriguez Yvonne Romeros Teresa Salas



Ruben Salazar Dora Sanchez Janie Sanchez







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Joe Salas Jr.

Mary Lou Salazar



























Carlos Sauceda





Marcelina Sauceda Sylvia Solis





Leonard Serna

Scott Sparrow



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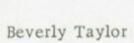
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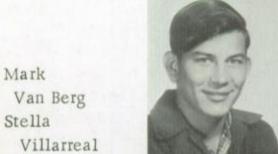
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Estella Vasquez Jimmy Wade



John Welch



Susan Wade







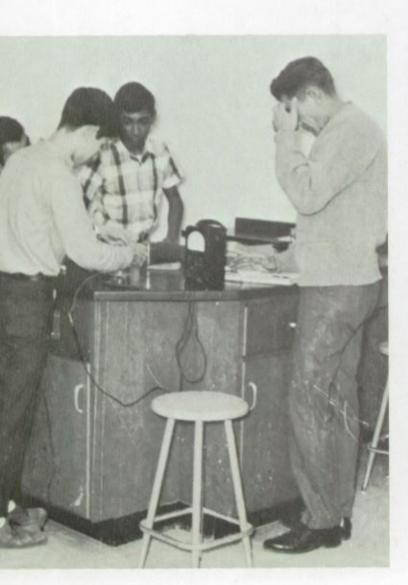


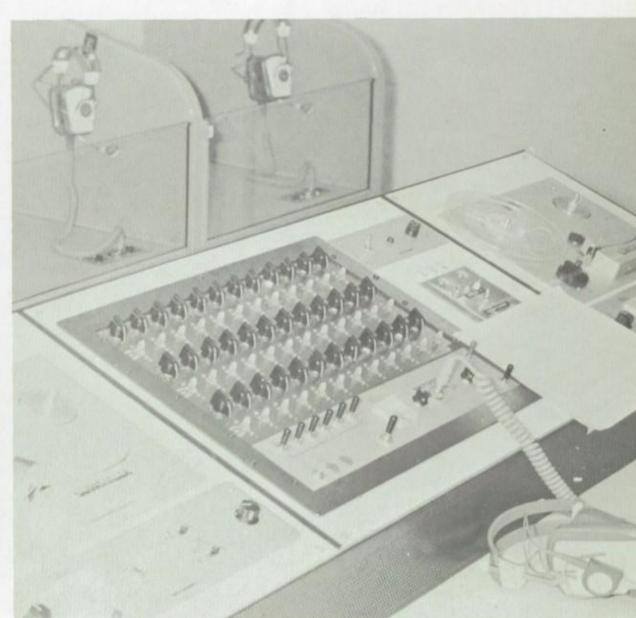






# STUDENTS RESPOND TO ACADEMIC CHALLENGES







Freshmen class officers lead the freshmen class through trials and tribulations. They are from left to right: Gary Schwarz, George Metzger, Barbara Anderson, Ann Lauder, and Barbara Raulie.

### FRESHMAN DISPLAY ENTHUSIASM

President					Gary Schwarz
					. George Metzger
					Ann Lauder
					Barbara Anderson
					Barbara Raulie

This year there are approximately 208 "fish" who are very enthusiastic about entering their first year of high school. Most of them are a little bit nervous and scared at first, but after a few days they get accustomed to the routine of high school. This year's freshmen participated very actively in the Halloween Carnival. They worked hard to support their candidate who was Mary Elizabeth Soto.



Attending the Fall Student Council Convention in Corpus Christi is a happy experience for these freshmen.



Pedro Aguilar John Allen Juanita Alvarado Barbara Anderson Erendira Aparicio



Manuel Barroso Salvador Barroso







Mary Lou Benavidez Robert Benavidez









Rogelio Arguelles Brenda Barrera Jaime Barron Lydia Barron



Sylvia Bernal



Joe Cano Rosalinda Cano



Chris Ann Bray Oralia Briones Primitivo Campos

Richard Castillo

Ralph Cavazos

San Juanita Castillo





San Juanita Campos Albert Cano Joe Cano

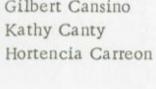








Gilbert Cansino Kathy Canty





Guadalupe Casarez



Juanita Castillo









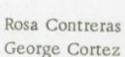








Rose Marie de la Cerda













Enrique Curiel Daniel Diaz Rosa Diaz

Gloria Chapa

Francisco Chavez

Maria Luisa Cisneros

James Downing Dulce Escobar



Janie Gomez Richard Gomez Rosa Gomez

Arnoldo Gonzalez Gloria Gonzalez Janie Gonzalez

Juanita Gonzalez Mary Gonzalez Rolando Gonzalez



















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Marie Helen Gonzalez Mary Jane Gonzalez

Sidney Gonzalez Yadira Gonzalez Mike Guerrero









Johnny Hernandez Manuel Hernandez Reynaldo Hernandez









Rosa Guzman

Yolanda Hernandez

Gloria Gutierrez

Barbara Harris Pat Harville









Sylvia Hinojosa







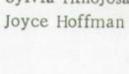


Beth Herndon

Hilda Hinojosa

Donald Hollon Debbie Horn

Gretchen Hovda





Gene Huerta

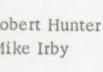








Robert Hunter Mike Irby



Eloy Islas Maria Elena January

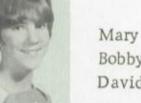


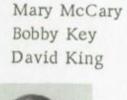


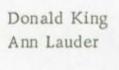




























Dalia Ledesma Mario de Leon Denise Leyden



Dorothy Lusk

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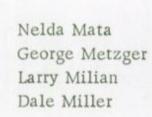
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James Massey

Maria Elena Morales Julian Moreno Jr.

Candelaria Munoz Steve Murray Diana Najar











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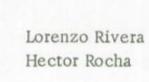
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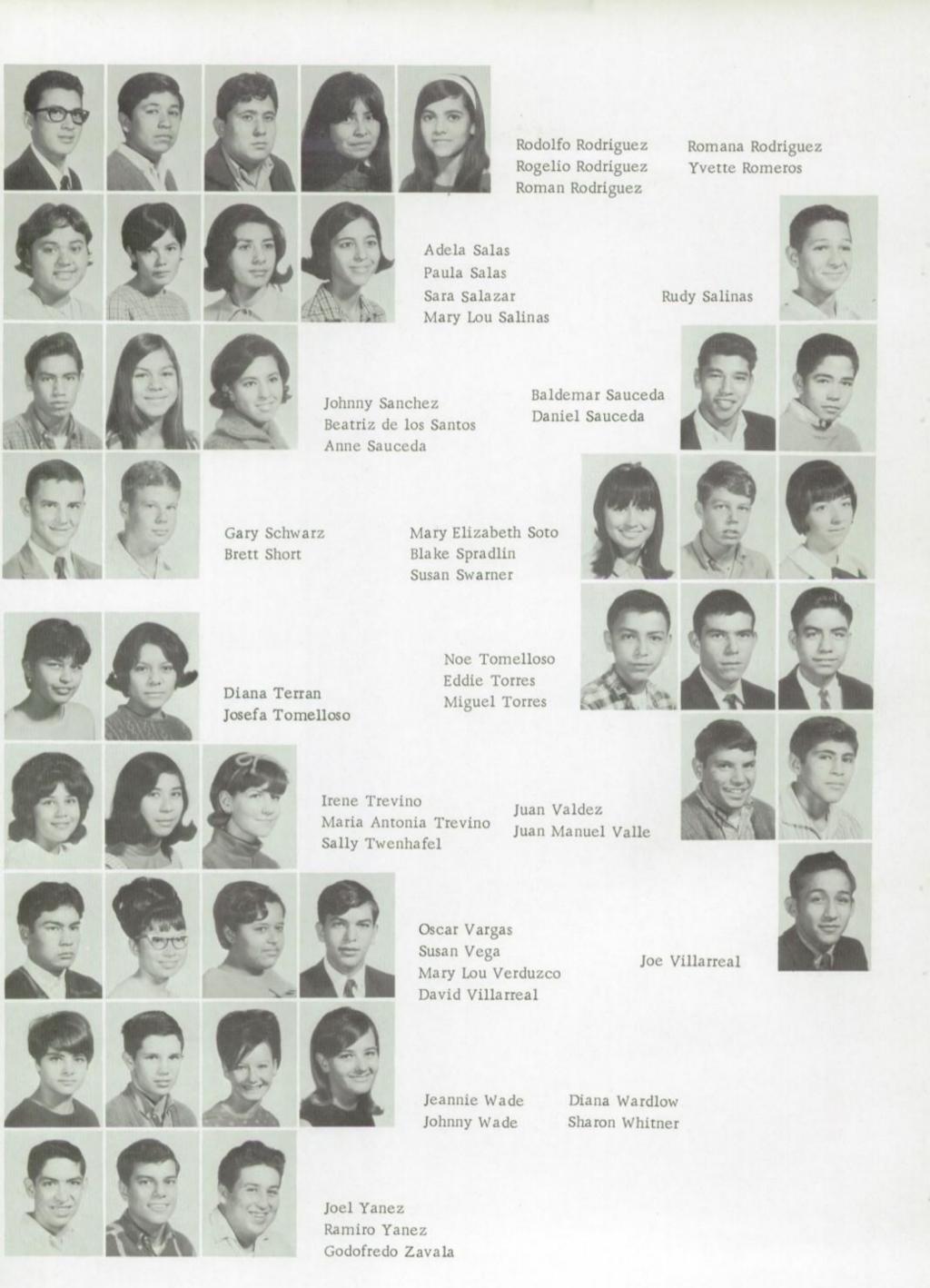








Joe Rodriguez Joel Rodriguez Mary Rodriguez



ACTIVITIES

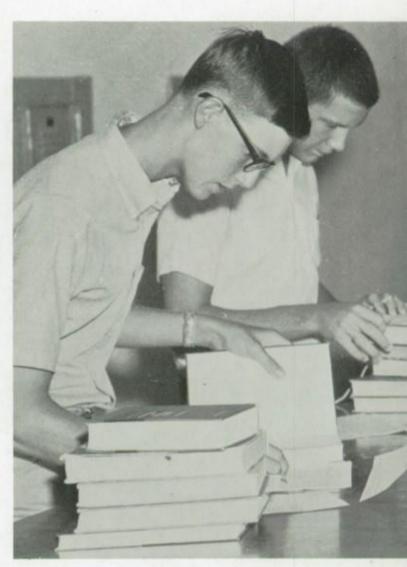


# RAGING FLOOD WATERS THREATENED MERCEDES



The Annual Quarterback Club honors football players and coaching staff with a barbecue.

#### **SEPTEMBER**



Registration was a busy day for students of Lentz and Ray Dillon are busy writing down tions of Mr. Saldana.

Registration, the Quarterback Bar-B-Q, and Rotary Couple are among some of September's activities. The Quarterback Bar-B-Q is held in honor of the football players. The faculty chooses the Rotary Couple for each month. September Rotary couple is Sherri Schwarz and Keith Billings.

Cheerleaders displayed ability in "chicken man" skit at the pep rally.



Posing in the New Library is September Rotary Couple, Sherri Schwarz and Keith Billings.



## BEGINS WITH MANY ACTIVITIES

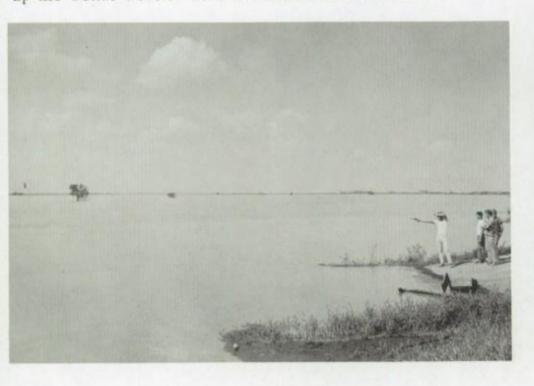


Mercedes High School. Lindley book numbers with the instruc-



Sherri Schwarz happily receives her 1967 Bengal from Bengal staff member Mary Edna Basaldua.

The aftermath of Beulah left much destruction as it stormed up the Texas Coast. This is a month to remember.





September was the month for hurricanes, namely Beulah. Beulah struck and left MHS treeless on September 20.



Our first pep rally at the new school proved to be very exciting. Everyone had great spirit and cheered the Tigers on in hope of victory. Yolanda and Irma Ortiz await a gridiron fight in store for the Tigers.



Study Hall students eagerly take advantage of the extensive library facilities at the new school.

Sixth period office workers, Karen and Stephanie help in the office. Mrs. Barron helps students with problems concerning school.



### FUN, FUN, FUN, AT MHS

In October we moved to the New School. Everyone was awed at all the modern facilities. We had been looking forward to this, expecially because of the air-conditioning.

Hard working Carnival Queen Candidates raised money for the band.

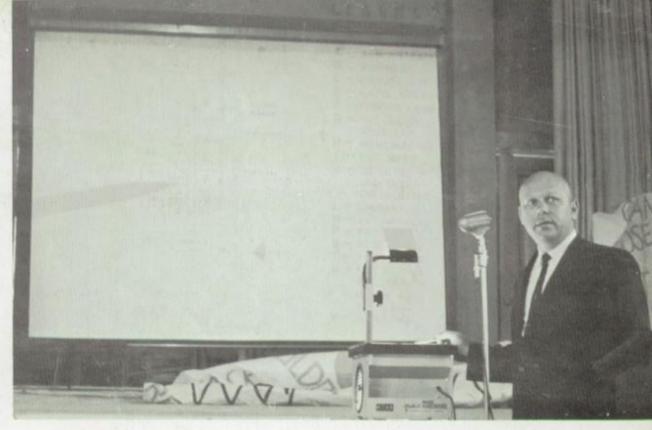


Mildred Rios sells pop corn balls to Diane to help raise money during the Halloween Carnival.



Halloween Carnival Candidates were busy raising money. Here helpers took some time off for lunch.

N OCTOBER



As preparation for the new school, Mr. Albright called a special assembly to explain to the student body the plan for our new school.



Cheerleaders dance to the tune of "Tiger Rag" as the crowd chants "Beat the Jackets". The bonfire proved to be very exciting.

Highly spirited Twirlers help build the already booming Tiger spirit and add spice to the street pep rally before the Mercedes-Weslaco football game.





November's Rotary Couple is Beatrice de Leon and Robert D. Garcia.

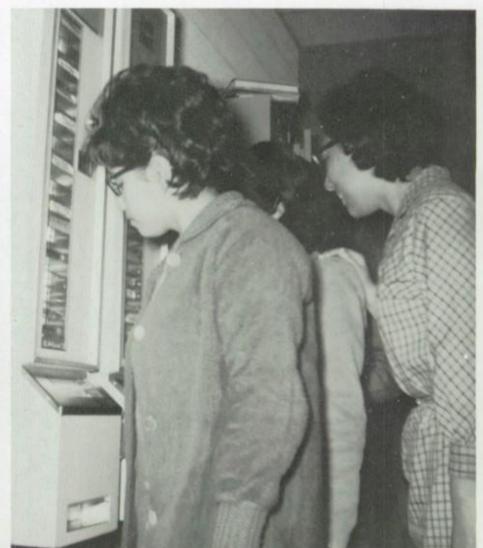


During the Christmas holidays, Great White Hunter Scott came back, like many students, from a successful safari after killing a man-eating beast.

Myrthala, Gloria, and Connie decide from the only providers of food, the candy machine, which one will satisfy their sweet tooth.

Scott and Gary find playing "Old Maid" a very relaxing game during time off from taking pictures.







Donald Barber demonstrates the ability to shave off peach-fuzz from Tony Lozano.

Activities were the main event of these months with the selecting of the Rotary Couples and also leading to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Mercedes High School students went hunting during both of these holidays and came back with plenty of game.

Singing was also part of the Christmas spirit, provided by the foreign language and Y-Teens.



Bebe Crooks and Rolando Bono pose after being chosen as this month's Rotary Couple.

### ACTIVITIES FLOURISHED DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Students enjoy entertainment during the lunch hour by the foreign language students singing Christmas carols of different countries.





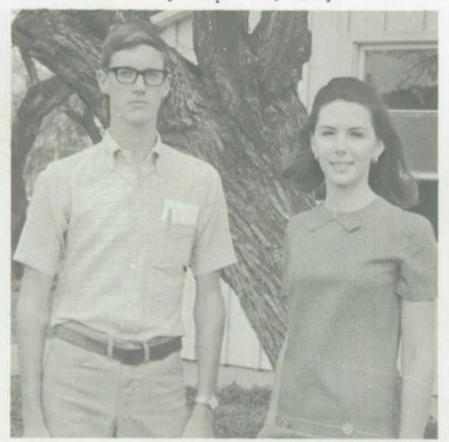
Initiated lettermen of the "M" Association are, standing: Larry Schwarz, Lindley Lentz, Bobby Martell, Robert de los Santos, Albert Gonzalez. Kneeling: Gary Schwarz, Joel Rodriguez, Manuel Hernandez, and Eddie Torres.

# "INITIATIONS" AND "SPOTLIGHT" ARE HEADLINERS

During January, new lettermen joining the "M" Association received "T" haircuts as part of their initiation. The faculty announced for the January Rotary Couple, Ray Dillon and Janice Hoverson. February Rotary Couple was Barbara Reger and Sammy Montgomery.

Chaperoned Spotlight Dance brought MSHers to the Cafetorium to see the winners of the Spotlight Contest. Those chaperoning the dance were several teachers including Mr. Taylor who was considered the real "swinger".

Selected by the faculty, Ray Dillon and Janice Hoverson are the Rotary Couple for January.





Chaperons Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Gover move to the pace of a polka at the spotlight dance.

Baldheads are seen clowning around after some boys decided on an invasion by cutting their hair "short".





Spotlight Contest winners were front row: George Galvan, Belinda Hernandez, Gloria Silva, Mary Edna Basaldua, and Irma Ortiz. Row Two: Armando Lopez, Beatrice de Leon, Elizabeth Soto, and Oscar Garcia.



Barbara Reger and Sammy Montgomery are February's Rotary Couple.



Ghost of MHS.



"Alright, who wrote Chicken Man down", seems to be what Keith is saying after MHSers signed the scroll that was sent to Viet Nam.



Students of all classes enjoy music by the Skylarks at the Spotlight dance honoring the Spotlight contest winners.



Ice cream, anyone?

SPORTS

Head Athletic Director Dale Hatley is caught instructing and preparing his team for their next opponent.

#### COACHES AID TIGERS

Mr. Dale Hatley is head football coach. His staff consists of Doyle Slaton offensive line, Robert Fernandez defensive line, and Roland Jones defensive backfield. Assistant coaches are Bill Walker, Jim Cuthbertson, Alex Estrada, Tom Villarreal, and Joe Gonzales.



Tri-captains for the '67 Tiger team are Larry Schwarz, Sammy Montgomery, and Roy Rodriquez.



MHS coaches are, kneeling: Joe Gonzales, Roland Jones, Robert Fernandez, Bill Walker. Standing are: Jim Cuthbertson, Alex Estrada, Tom Villarreal, Doyle Slayton, and Dale Hatley.

Roy Rodriguez Senior Fullback 2 years

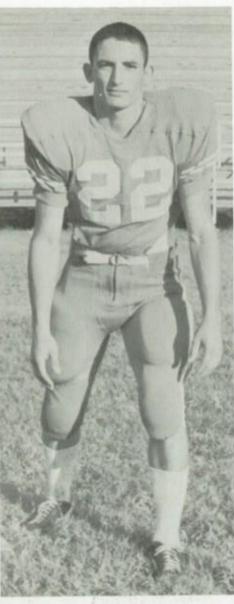


Jesse Garces Senior Tackle 1 year

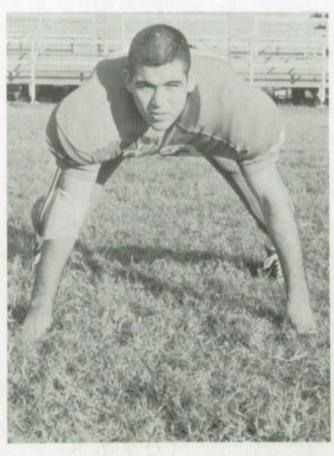
Lindly Lentz Senior Guard 1 year



### TIGERS SHOW PROMISE FOR FUTURE YEARS



Saul Pineda Senior Wingback 3 years



Rolando Bono Senior Tackle 2 years

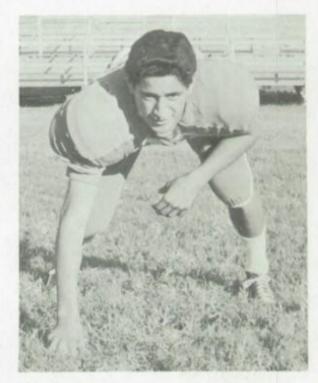
This year's "FIGHTING TIGERS", short on experience, showed great promise for next year. Even though the team won only one game their spirit continued to be high throughout the season.

The Student Body showed the "Tigers" that they were behind them by yelling for them at the Pep Rallies and supporting them at the games.

The Tiger's first game was against the Edinburg Bobcats. However, the Bobcats proved to be too much for the "Fighting Tigers" of M.H.S. The Tigers went down in defeat by a score of 32-0.

"Victory" yelled the crowd and a VICTORY it was as the Tigers snowed the Brownsville Eagles by a score of 21-14.

After defeating a 4A school the Tigers lost 9 of their district's games, apparently caused by injuries of three of their starters No. 22, No. 11, and No. 64.



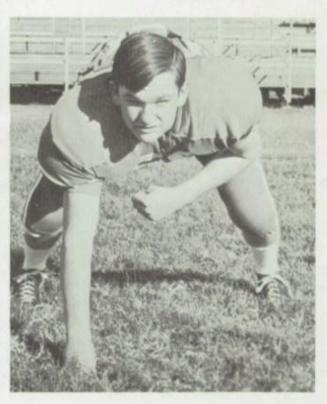
Jaime Perez Junior Tailback 1 year

Sammy Montgomery Senior Guard 3 years

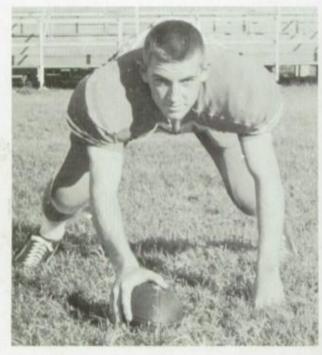




Roy Rodriguez (30) runs to score another touchdown against the Brownsville Eagles in a very exciting victory for the Tigers.



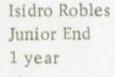
Ted Hollan Senior Guard 1 year

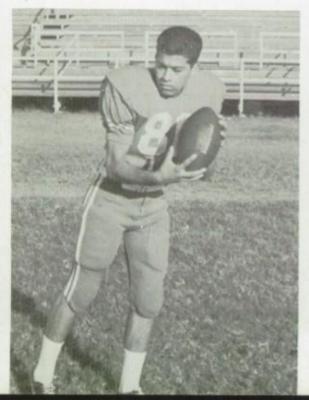


Larry Schwarz Junior Center 1 year



Tiger quarterback Eddie Torres (10) hands off to fullback Roy Rodriguez (30) for considerable yardage against the Edinburg Bobcats.

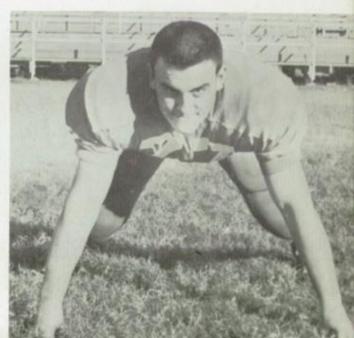




David Hovda Junior Tackle 1 year



Arnoldo Flores Junior Tackle 1 year



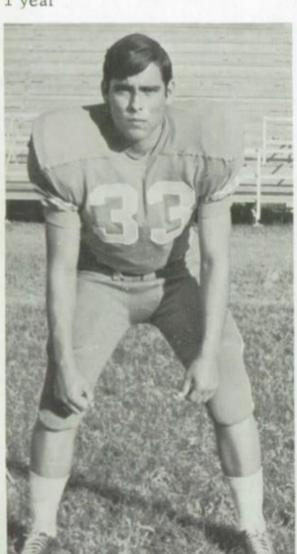


Isidro Robles (86) catches another pass from Tiger Quarterback Jack Lyons to move the ball against a tough Donna defense.



Jack Lyons Sophomore Quarterback 1 year

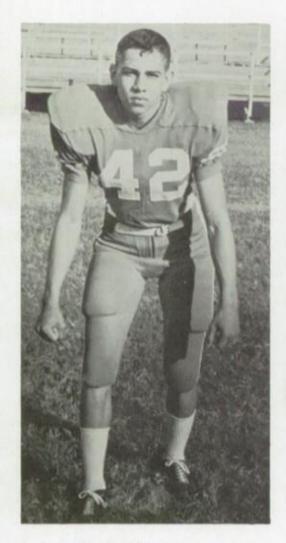
Teodoro Tanguma Sophomore Fullback 1 year



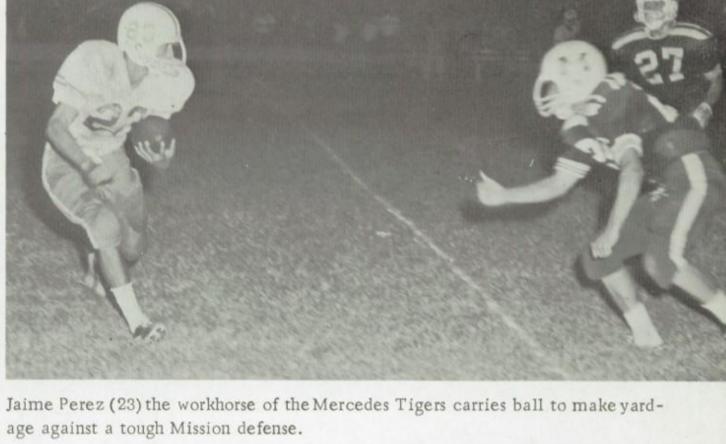
Tirso Garza Sophomore End 1 year

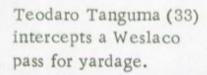
Ricky Torres Sophomore Fullback 1 year





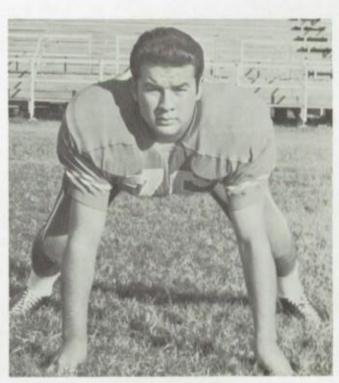
Robert De los Santos Sophomore Halfback 1 year



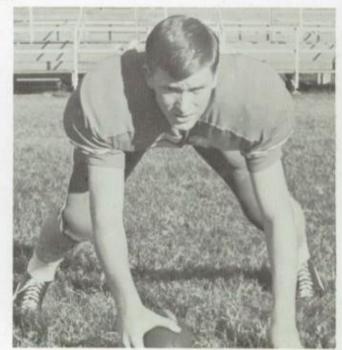




Juan Garcia Sophomore Halfback 1 year



Bobby Martell Sophomore Tackle 1 year



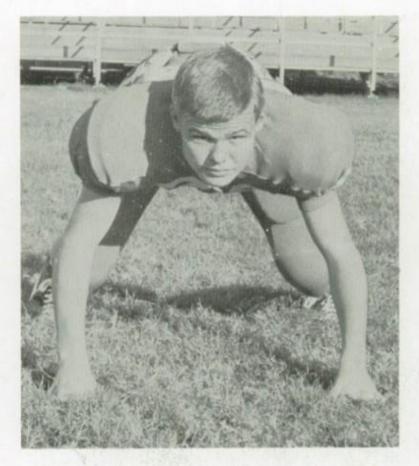
Art Cowden Sophomore Center 1 year



Manuel Hernandez Freshman Halfback 1 year



Gary Schwarz Freshman Halfback 1 year

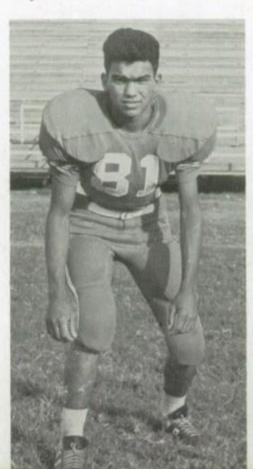


George Metzger Freshman Center 1 year

## FRESHMEN AND B-TEAM GAIN EXPERIENCE

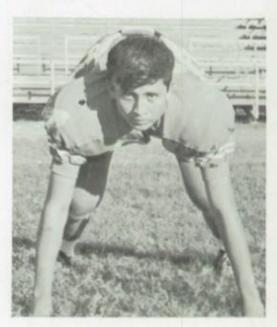
Although these boys lacked experience they were an invaluable asset and will help make a better football team for next year. The B-Team did not have a good year but will make good "Tigers". Coaches for the B-Team were Tom Villarreal, Robert Fernandez, and Bill Walker.

Joe Cano Freshman Tackle 1 year





Eddie Torres Freshman Quarterback 1 year



Antonio Cano Freshman Guard 1 year

Anastacio Martinez Freshman End 1 year





Coach Dale Hatley points out weaknesses of the opposing team to No. 84 Anastacio Martinez, while No. 10 awaits instructions.



Pedro Aguilar Freshman Linebacker 1 year

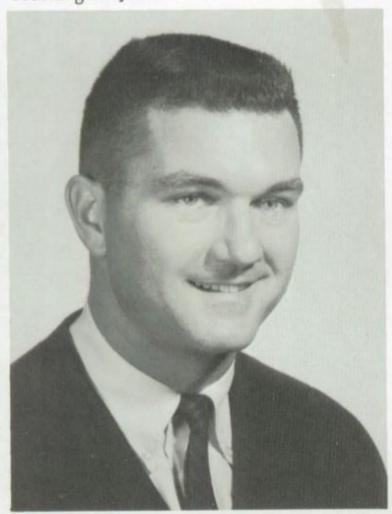
B-Team members are Richard Castillo, Hector Rocha, Edelmiro Briseno, Oscar Closner, Rolando Sanchez, Darrel Jones, Dale Miller. Second row, Johnny Wade, Jimmy Wade, Robert Miller, Robert Hunter, Albert Cano, Ramiro Yanez, Leonard Serna, Ramiro Guajardo, Jaime Barron, Mark Van Berg. First row, George Galvan, Charlie Sauceda, Alfonso Perez, Oscar Salinas, Amado Martinez, Bobby Garcia, Javier Galvan, Emilo Flores, Jimmy Greenwood. The coaches are Tom Villarreal, Robert Fernandez, and Bill Walker.





Team members are, front row: Fernando Chimely, Eddie Torres, Jack Lyons, Adolfo Garza, Teodoro Tanguma, Tirso Garza, Tony de la Rosa, manager. Back row: Coach Walker, David Hovda, Rolando Bono, Sam Montgomery, Roy Gonzales, Art Cowden, Ted Hollon, manager.

Coach Bill Walker exhibited his ability in coaching all year.

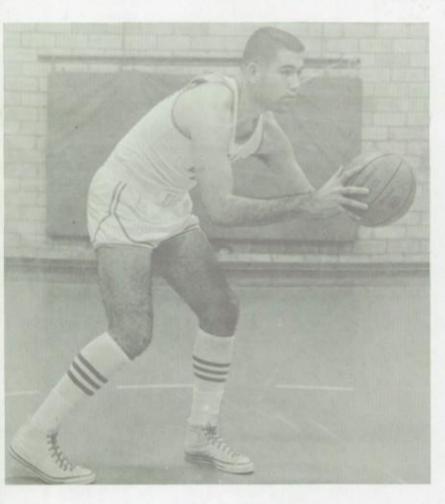


# CAGERS EXHIBIT SPORTSMANSHIP

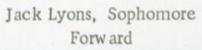
A young ball club proved itself worthy during a tough season. A team consisting of only two seniors, performed stupendously against heavy odds.

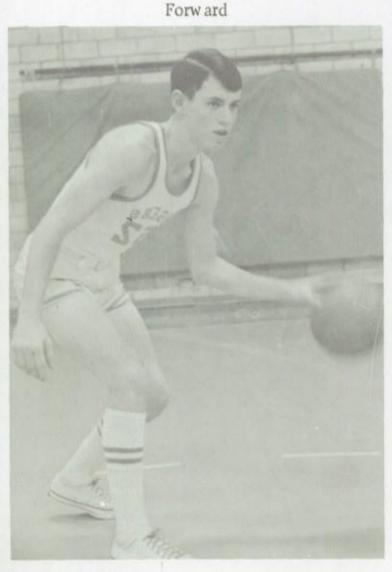
Coach Walker guided his team to a couple of victories.

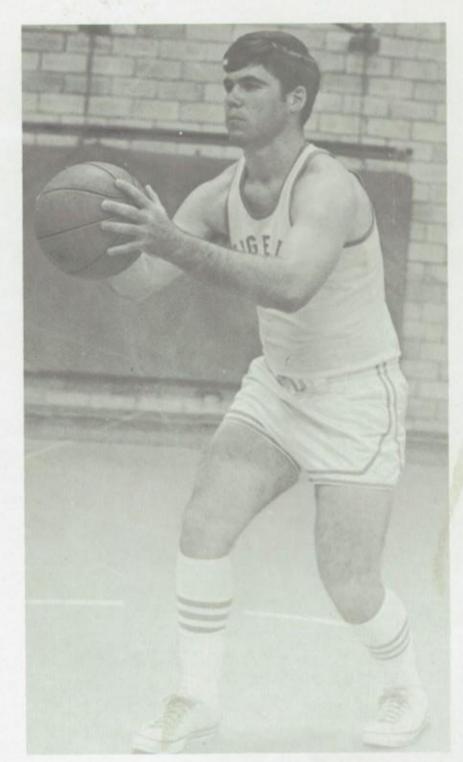
Coach Walker looks forward to a winning season next year, with an experienced team.



Rolando Bono, Senior Center

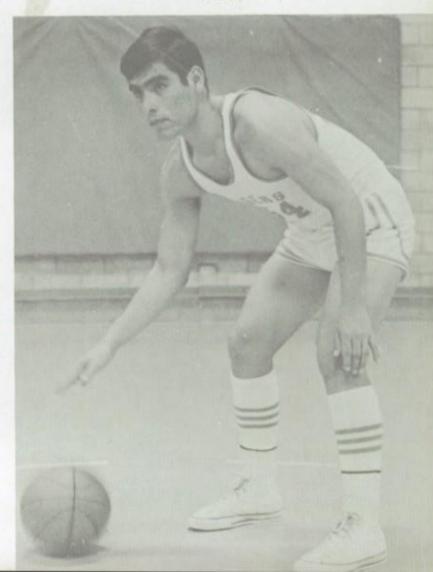


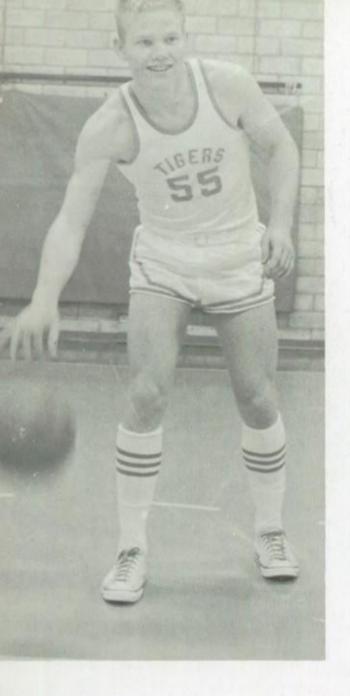




Sammy Montgomery, Senior Center

Teodoro Tanguma, Sophomore Center

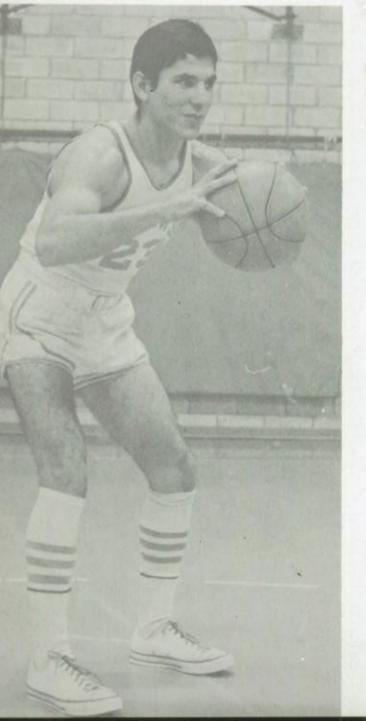




David Hovada, Junior Center



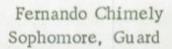
Roy Gonzales Junior, Forward



Tirso Garza, Sophomore Guard



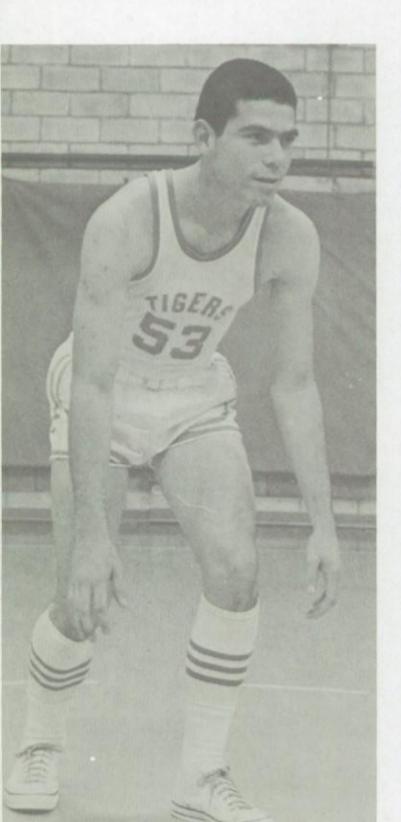
Art Cowden, Sophomore Center



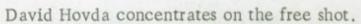


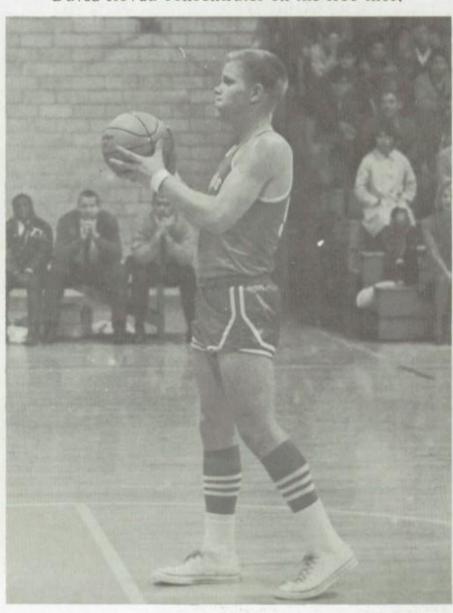


Head basketball coach, Bill Walker, presents B-team coach, Alex Estrada with the first place trophy.



Eddie Torres, Freshman Guard





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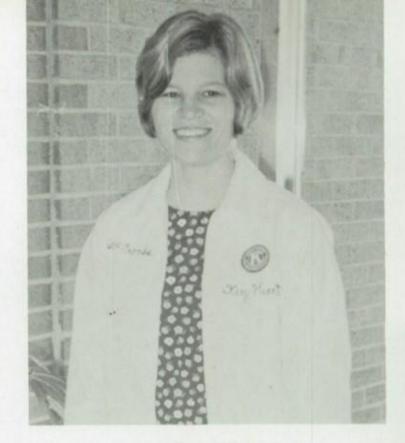


DECA Sweetheart, Enoelia Martinez

# CLUB SWEETHEARTS

Football Sweetheart, Belinda Hernandez





Key Heart, Bebe Crooks



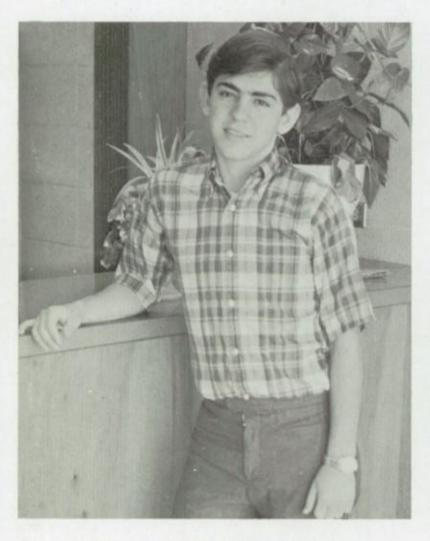
FBLA Sweetheart, Mildred Rios

Band Sweetheart, Sherri Schwarz



Y-Teens Sweetheart, Keith Billings



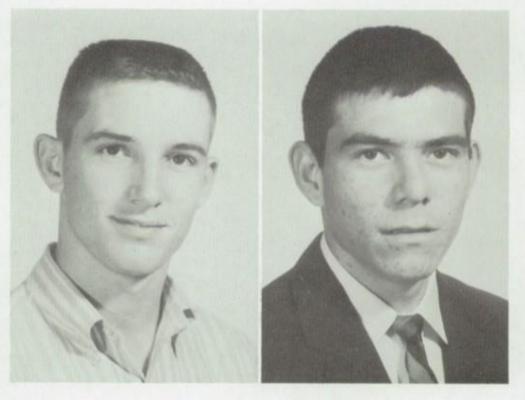


ZES Sweetheart, Homer Garza



VOE Sweethearts, Marilyn Roach and Arturo Ayala

FHA Sweethearts, Larry Schwarz and Eddie Torres



FFA Sweethearts, Gilsie Knapp and Yolanda Ortiz





Belinda Hernandez was crowned Homecoming Queen at a pre-game ceremony at the Laredo Nixon-Mercedes game by Superintendent N. K. Fitzgerald. Belinda is escorted by Jesse Trevino. Her court consisted of Barbara Reger, Bebe Crooks, and Sherri Schwarz.

HOMECOMING QUEEN 1967-1968



Members, row one: Ester Sanchez, Robert D. Garcia, John Pemelton, Larry Schwarz, Sylvia Ann Mondragon, Paul Cotter, Yolanda Ortiz. Row two: Mary Edna Basaldua, Kandyce Lugg, Veronica Galvan, Bebe Crooks, Barbara Reger, Mary Lou Quiroga, Janie Serna, Diane Rios, Josie Avila, Beatrice de Leon, Mrs. Carol Cowden. Row three: Robert Miller, Arnoldo Flores, Armando Lopez, Jose Rolando Bono, Ray Dillon, Martin Albright, Janice Hoverson, Trent Taylor.

#### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY STRIVES FOR BETTER GRADES



Officers, left to right: Sylvia Ann Mondragon, Student Council Representative; Yolanda Ortiz, Recording Secretary; Ester Sanchez, Treasurer; Robert D. Garcia, President; John Pemelton, Vice-President; Paul Cotter, Reporter; Larry Schwarz, Parliamentarian.

National Honor Society is an honorary organization limited to the upper three grades. The members are elected yearly by the faculty. Four fundamentals are given primary consideration in the selection of candidates: character, scholarship, leadership, and service. To be considered, a student must have a 90 average and have earned a certain number of points under a specific point system set up for each grade level.

Several projects are sponsored by the National Honor Society each year. A "white elephant" sale is sponsored for the Halloween Carnival, induction of new members is held in spring and awards to most valuable senior boy and girl are also presented. Mrs. Carol Cowden is sponsor for NHS.



ZES members, left to right: Josie Avila, Barbara Reger, Ester Sanchez, Beatrice de Leon, Mrs. Jean Lauder, Janice Hoverson, Bebe Crooks, Diane Rios.

#### ZES HONORS

ZES is the oldest school organization, being organized in 1929. Membership in this honorary society is open to any sophomore, junior, or senior having an average of 90 or above for one year. Membership is limited to twenty-five.

Club colors are green and white and a white carnation is the club flower. Their motto is "Help Raise the Skyline" and club meetings are held bimonthly during the noon hour.

ZES has several projects during the year. The most important is the selling of Homecoming mums. The girls also work in the American Legion Booth at the stockshow. They chose Homer Garza as their '67-'68 sweetheart.

This Year's sponsor is Mrs. Jean Lauder. This is her first year to teach at Mercedes High School.



ZES officers: Josefina Avila, Treasurer; Ester Sanchez, Student Council Representative; Janice Hoverson, Secretary; Barbara Reger, President; Beatrice de Leon, Vice-President.



Mrs. Lauder, Ester Sanchez, and Josie Avila enjoy the refreshments at the ZES coke party.



New members, Betti Sisk and Barbara Harris and others, were formally inducted at the annual ZES coke party.

## SCHOLASTIC ABILITY



Mrs. Lauder counts out a picture she took during the coke party as members look on.



Barbara Reger and Diane Rios were highest salesmen during the sell of Homecoming mums.



Beverly Taylor Sophomore 1 yr. Twirler



Sylvia Ann Mondragon Senior Head Twirler 3 yr. Twirler

# TWIRLERS GIVEN SUPERIOR RATING AT CONTEST

Maureen Hager Junior 1 yr. Twirler



Stephanie Dollery Sophomore 2 yr. Twirler



Sherri Schwarz Senior Drum Major 3 yr. Twirler





Mr. Avie Teltschik Director

# BAND PROGRESSES THROUGH LEADERSHIP



Mr. Ramon Aguilar III Assistant Band Director



All-Valley members are: John Pemelton, eighth chair bass and Betti Sisk, thirteenth chair clarinet.

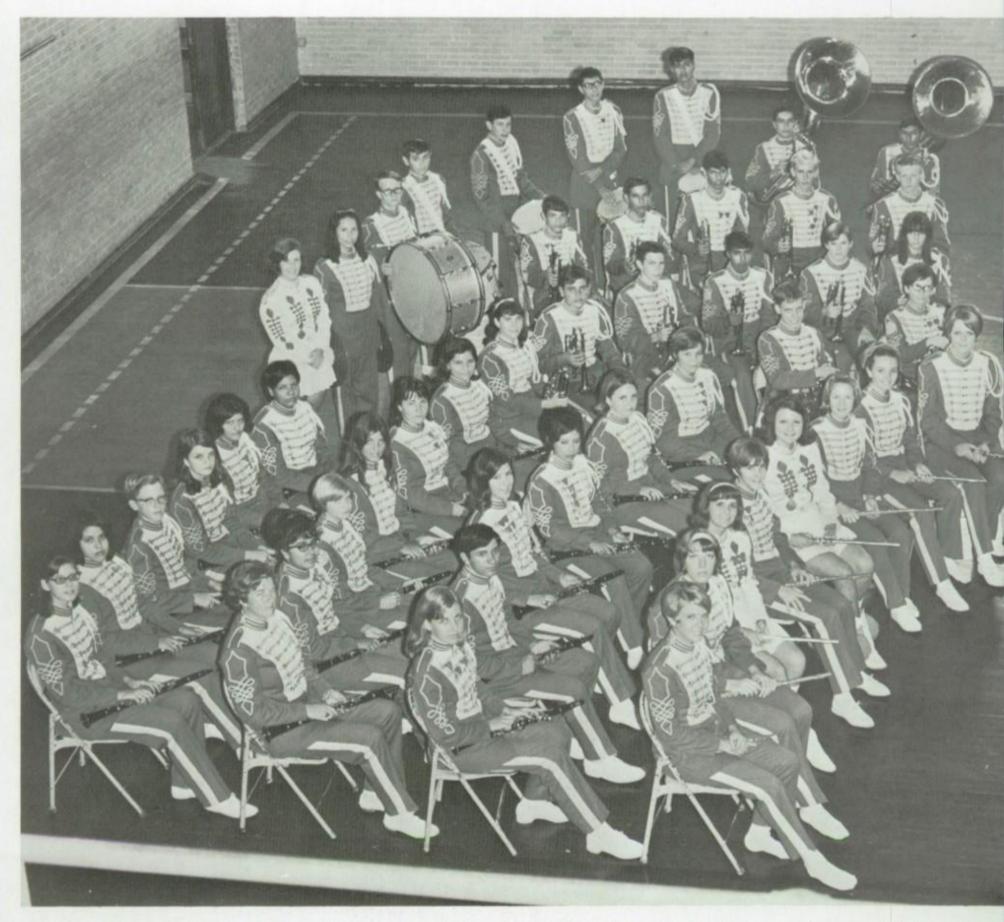


Officers are: Marilyn Basinger, Beverly Taylor, Librarians; Janice Hoverson, Reporter; Colma Lentz, Secretary; Lindly Lentz, Vice-President; Martin Albright, President; John Pemelton, S. C. Representative.



Band Council members are: Janet Fletcher, Martin Albright, Diane Rios, Sherri Schwarz, Sylvia Ann Mondragon.

#### TIGER BAND



Band members, Row one: Colma Lentz, Karen Diehl, Sherri Schwarz, Ann Lauder, Stephanie Dollery, Linda Schwarz, Bobbi Kay Jones, Ruth Ann Crenshaw. Row two: Betti Ann Sisk, Jaime Closner, Janice Hoverson, Mary Edna Basaldua, Janet Fletcher, Bebe Crooks, Jimmy Downing, Marilyn Basinger. Row three: Sharon Jones, Sylvia Gonzales, Barbara Anderson, Karen Brewer, Brenda Brothers, Belle Moreno, Beth Ferguson, Kenneth Jones, Jesse Howell, Mike Garcia, Dorothy Lusk, Betty Pruitt. Row four: Susan Dillon, Rebecca Diaz, Robert Sisk, Joyce Hoffman, San Juanita Gonzales, Elizabeth Flores, Oscar Garcia, Richard Hinojosa, Adan Gonzales, Robert Miller, Glen Stewart. Row five: Beverly Taylor, Mary Zavala, Ricky Givens, Rolando Gonzales, Jaime Garza, Henry Hinojosa, Ernest Hinojosa, Raul Hinojosa, Ralph Cavazos.

#### "PRIDE OF MERCEDES"



Band members, Row one: Sandy Marroquin, Rose Mary Ybarra, Sally Twenhafel, Beth Herndon, Barbara Harris, Gloria Perez, Susan Swarner, Diana Martinez. Row two: Rudy Mora, Maureen Hager, Sharon Whitner, Gretchen Hovda, Bonnie Bazar, Paul Cotter, Judy Fiveash, Roetta Harrell, Janice Morris, Scott Sparrow. Row three: Sidney Gonzales, Joe Ricket, Jacinto Gonzales, David Galvan, Vicente Salas, Juan Pablo Gallaga, Bobby Closner, Bobby Key, Diane Rios, Sylvia Ann Mondragon, Eddie Irvin, Shirley Massey, Martin Brewer. Row four: Larry Schwarz, Frank Basaldua, Teresa Hoverson, Kandyce Lugg, Jimmy Greenwood, James Massey, Lindly Lentz, George Metzger, Philip Herzog, Gary Albright, Ray Dillon, Richard Drawe, Donald King, Albert Closner, Mike Green. Row five: Mark Van Berg, John Pemelton, Martin Albright.

#### Y-TEENS HELP OTHERS



Officers: Janet Fletcher, Vice-President; Bebe Crooks, President; Sherri Schwarz, S.C. Representative; Roetta Harrell, Song Leader; Marcella Baker, Service Chairman; Mary Canty, Treasurer; Vicky Wade, Secretary; Patti Swain, Representative; Teresa Hoverson and Nancy Swain, Historian; Diane Rios and Cheryl Riley, Worship Chairman.

Y-teens is a service organization for girls sponsored by the Y.W.C.A.

During the year the club sponsors various activities. Among these are annual roll call week, ushering home football games, a Y-teen Banquet in February and running a marriage booth at the annual Halloween Carnival.

The official Y-teen emblem is a triangle with a globe, signifying world service. The purpose is to develop the spiritual, mental and physical aspects of each member. Membership is open to sophomore, junior, and senior classes.



Mrs. Katherine Churchill is this year's sponsor for Y-Teens.

Members: Beth Ferguson, Bonnie Bazar, Roetta Harrell, Janet Fletcher, Mary Canty, Josie Avila, Rosalinda Garza, Janie Sanchez, Beverly Taylor, Brenda Brothers, Kathy Mitchell, Stephanie Dollery, Pam Powers, Mrs. Churchill. Row two: Betti Sisk, Sylvia Gonzales, Marilyn Basinger, Marcella Baker, Janice Hoverson, Linda Barnum, Minnie Daniels, Diane Rios, Kandyce Lugg, Obeth Rodriguez, Alicia Villarreal, Shirley Massy. Row three: Patti Swain, Gloria Perez, Karen Brewer, Bobbi Kaye Jones, Bebe Crooks, Sharon Jones, Derrelene Ryan, Vickie Wade, Ruth Ann Crenshaw, Colma Lentz, Teresa Hoverson, Cheryl Ann Riley, Karen Diehl.





Members: Belle Moreno, Mary Lou Quiroga, Gloria Silva, Rosalinda Garza, Beatrice de Leon, Consuelo Trevino, Maria Anita Guajardo, Josie Avila, Mary Edna Basaldua, Miss Garrett. Row two: Janet Fletcher, Ofelia Salazar, Myrthala Dominguez, Janie Serna, Diane Rios, Angie Garcia, Natividad Garza. Row three: Sharon Jones, Adan Gonzales, Rey Gutierrez, Sylvia Ann Mondragon, Rosa Nelda Solis, Karen Diehl, Ester Sanchez.

#### FUTURE TEACHERS PROMOTE EDUCATION

Officers: Mary Edna Basaldua, President; Josie Avila, Treasurer; Mary Lou Quiroga, Secretary; Janie Serna, Vice-President; Gloria Silva, S.C. Representative.



Future Teachers of America is an organization limited to the upper three grades. Membership is limited to 24 and members must have a grade average of at least 80. Students in this organization have a desire to be part of the teaching profession. The club helps them to better understand what a teaching career will involve.

A \$100 scholarship is given to a deserving senior F.T.A. member on Awards Day. In order to raise money for this award, the club sold School Records. Other money raising projects were planned for later on in the year. A teacher-of-the-year award is also presented to a faculty member on Awards Day.

This year the club has a new sponsor, Miss Irene Garrett. Miss Garrett has been teaching for 5 years in Mercedes High School. She is presently teaching American History.



VOE members are, Row one: Mrs. McGill, Odilia Valero, Sylvia Palacios, Virginia Munoz, Gloria Silva. Row two: Diana Gonzalez, Danny Parker, Martha Chimely, Molly Garcia, Oralia Puentes, Esperanza Quiroga. Row three: Berta Galvan, Olga Franco, Sylvia Hinojosa, Argentina Ortiz, Florinda Reyes, Virginia Guerrero, Clemente Solis. Row four: Betty Jean Martell, Fela Guajardo, Natividad Garza, Derrelene Ryan, Marilyn Roach, Arturo Ayala, Enrique Trevino, Mario Garza.

#### VOE TRAINS IN

Vocational Office Education is an apprentice type program in which students are given the opportunity to learn office administration. Students participating in this program are provided a job where they work for minimum number of hours a week.

This year VOE held a joint employer's Banquet with DE at Travis Auditorium. Students along with employers were honored at this banquet.

Sweethearts's for '67-'68 are Marilyn Roach and Arturo Ayala. Mrs. Carolyn McGill is sponsor for VOE.



Officers, Row one: Danny Parker, S.C. Representative; Sylvia Palacios, Publicity Secretary; Gloria Silva, Vice-President; Olga Franco, Secretary; Derrelene Ryan, Publicity Secretary; Sylvia Hinojosa, Treasurer; Enrique Trevino, Sgt. at Arms; Arturo Ayala.



Martha Chimely, Betty Jean Martell, and Olga Franco pose with their employer during work.



Virginia Guerrero, Enrique Trevino, and Martha Chimely work diligently during their class.

## FUTURE BUSINESS

Mrs. Carolyn McGill is sponsor for VOE.



Mrs. McGill helps Bertha Galvan with a problem. Mrs. McGill is very interested in her students and tries to help them in every way she can.





Officers are: Mary Edna Basaldua, Parliamentarian; Sylvia Ann Mondragon, Secretary; Diane Rios, Chaplain, Gilsie Knapp, Historian; Armando Lopez, Vice-President; Rolando Bono, Historian; Keith Billings, President.

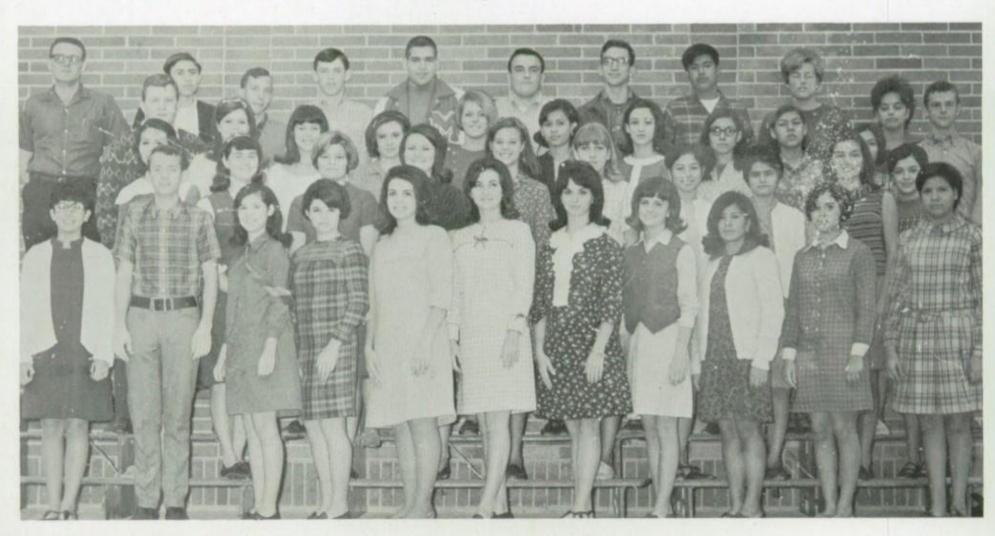
Student Council is an organization made up of the presidents of all clubs and elected representatives. The Council works to improve school organization, along with cultivating pride in grades and school activities.

This year the Student Council coordinated elections, sponsored victory dances after home football games, and started a project to help landscape the new Mercedes High School building. The Council also sent representatives to the fall convention in Corpus Christi.

This year's sponsor is Mr. Monte Churchill, and his assistant is Mr. J. R. Jones. The Council has proved to be a great asset to MHS.

### STUDENT COUNCIL

Members are, Row one: Mary Edna Basaldua, Keith Billings, Sandra Marroquin, Lydia Barron, Diane Rios, Sylvia Ann Mondragon, Barbara Reger, Sherri Schwarz, Mary Lou Quiroga, Irma Ortiz, Elizabeth Flores. Row two: Janice Hoverson, Beth Ferguson, Bebe Crooks, Stephanie Dollery, Betti Sisk, Barbara Harris, Ester Sanchez, Josie Avila, Maureen Hager, Vangie Martinez. Row three: Mr. Jones, Gilsie Knapp, Vickie Wade, Veronica Galvan, Ruth Ann Crenshaw, Rosie de los Santos, Cindy Champion, Janie Serna, Beatrice de los Santos, Mary Lou Salinas, Gary Schwarz. Row four: Mr. Churchill, Armando Lopez, Paul Cotter, Art Cowden, Rolando Bono, Arnoldo Flores, John Pemelton, Ernest Garcia, Sharon Jones, Myrthala Dominguez.



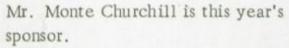


Armando Lopez and Vickie Wade help at a concession stand during a basketball game.



Mrs. Jones, assistant sponsor, and Gene Billings listen attentively during a Student Council meeting.

## **BUILDS LEADERS**





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Keith Billings, President, tries to explain a point during one of the Student Council meetings held weekly during the noon hour.

Officers, Row one: Rosie Garcia, Historian; Janie Gomez, Secretary-Treasurer. Lydia de Hoyos, Historian; Mary Helen Cantu, President; Cynthia Gonzales, Vice-President; Robert Elizondo, Parliamentarian; Ricky Pumarejo, Reporter; Alberto Trevino, Sgt. at Arms.

## DECA STRIVES FOR EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS

Distributive Education is a special program at MHS. DE's purpose is to train students in the field of business education. Students attend a DE class in the morning and receive on-the-job-training in the afternoon by working in one of the downtown business stores. During their morning classes, students are taught wholesaling, retailing and service-selling along with learning how to act as adults in business.

This year DECA choose Enoelia Martinez as their '67-'68 sweetheart.

Mr. Don Tidwell is sponsor for DECA and his ability has made this program a big success.

Members, Row one: Rosa Garcia, Maria Reyes, Priscilla Villarreal, Rosie Galvan, Mary Helen Cantu, Mr. Tidwell. Row two: Janie Guajardo, Rosie Guajardo, Lydia de Hoyos, Mary Luz Ortiz, Irene Lopez, Javier Ayala. Row three: Louis Bunton, Jack Jenkens, Noel Fernandez, Alberto Trevino, Armando Anciso, Efrain Cabrera, Romell Quintanilla, Clemente Ramos, Claudio Garcia, Ricky Pumarejo, Eliberto Gonzales, Danny Villarreal, Robert Elizondo.





The annual Employer's Banquet was held at Travis Auditorium. The banquet is a joint effort between DECA and VOE. Both employer and employee enjoy themselves at these banquets.

Mr. Don Tidwell is sponsor for DECA.





Cynthia Gonzalez, Vice-President, was Mistress of Ceremonies at the Employer's Banquet.



TIGER Staff, Row one: Bobbie Kaye Jones, Beatrice de Leon, Consuelo Trevino, Janice Hoverson, Editor. Row two: Margret Torres, Teresa Hoverson, Angie Garcia, Mrs. Grover. Row three: Saul Pineda, Ernesto Cantu, Jose Rolando Bono, Jaime Aparicio, Pablo Canas.

## TIGER STAFF WORKS

## HARD TO PUBLISH PAPER



TIGER Staff members work hard during their journalism class to meet their publishing deadline.

Mrs. Kathy Lane, who took over at half-semester, helps her students make the TIGER a great newspaper.





La Lengua staff members are, Josie Avila, Angie Garcia, Joe Rodriguez, Oscar Garcia, Abraham Flores, Mrs. Goza, Rosalinda Garza, Ruben Pena.

Mrs. Goldsby Goza is sponsor for La Lengua.



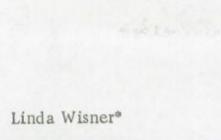
## LA LENGUA

Once a month, Mrs. Goza's Spanish IV classes publish a newspaper. La LENGUA. It normally consists of about 4 pages and gives coverage of all school activities. The staff positions are not held by any one individual. All students get the opportunity to serve as editor as well as the other capacities. La LENGUA is published entirely in Spanish. This publication enables Spanish students to express themselves and also serves as an excellent motivator.





Irma Ortiz\*





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Belinda Hernandez\*

Barbara Reger\*\*





Cindy Champion\*

Yolanda Ortiz\*





Pep-squad members are, Row one: Yvette Romeros, Vangie Martinez, Belinda Hernandez, Cindy Champion, Linda Wisner, Barbara Reger, Yolanda Ortiz, Irma Ortiz, Betty Sue Newton, Pat Harville. Row two: Guadalupe de la Fuente, Isabel Garza, Rosalinda Garza, Rosie Gomez, Mary Lou Verduzco, Gloria Chapa, Glafira Rincon, Diana Wardlow. Row three: Nelda Mata, Janie Gonzales, Janie Castillo, Kathy Boucher, Rose Mary de la Cerda, Toni Chapa, Esmeralda Cano, Ester Fernandez, Gilsie Knapp, Yvonne Romeros, Delia Trevino. Row four: Lydia Barron, Maggie Cardenas, San Juana Ayala, Teresa Salas, Maria Antonio Trevino, Yolanda Flores, Alicia Rincon, Chrisanne Bray, Cheryl Riley, Vicki Wade, Sponsor Mrs. Tidwell.

## PEP-SQUAD STRIVES FOR SPIRIT

Under the leadership of the cheerleaders the pep-squad strives to create an atmosphere of spirit which will lead the Tigers on to victories. This year the pep-squad did a fine job. They were always there to cheer for our boys whether they won or lost. To become a member of pep-squad you must (1) attend all football games and sit with the pep-squad (2) abide all rules set down by President and sponsor and (3) wear the prescribed uniform.

Pep-squad officers show Tigers that they are behind them all the way.



## BOUNCY.... ENERGETIC... SPIRITED



B-Team cheerleaders are standing: Vangie Martinez, Betty Sue Newton, Pat Harville, and kneeling: Yvette Romeros, Head cheerleader.

TIGER cheerleaders strike a cute pose for Bengal.





Bouncy, Energetic, and Spirited are only a few adjectives used to describe our wonderful cheer-leaders. They were always there to cheer our boys on whether they won or lost and to win new friends for themselves, our school, and our community. With Mrs. Tidwell's help, their sponsor, the cheer-leaders helped to make this a wonderful year for all of us.

## CHOIR WORKS HARD TO



Row one: Helen Gonzales, Yolanda Ayala, Fidelia Marroquin, Mary Lou Quintanilla, Lydia J. Velasquez, Elida Garcia, Maria Elena Rodriguez, Isabel Garza, Elena de la Rosa, Cathy Mitchell. Row two: Erendira Aparicio, Cheryle Anderson, Letty Garcia, Sylvia Palacios, Justa Cano, Janie Gomez, Betty de la Cerda, Ofelia Salazar, Odilia Vasques, Mary Ester Garcia. Row three: Lydia de Hoyos, Rebecca Rodman, Diana Cortez, Margie Torres, Irma Martinez, Lydia Gomez, Alicia Garza, Maria G. Contreras, Blanca Villarreal, Becky Rodriquez, Rosie Guadjardo. Row four: Johnny Martinez, Jesus Jose Aguilar, Rafael Mendoza Jr., Ricardo Diaz, Johnny Guerrero, Mike Cisneros, Pat Gillette, Pedro Ruiz, Robert Mata, Gilbert Salinas, Adan Estrada Jr., Alberto Garza, Feliciano Cuadra Jr.

## PRESENT CONCERT AND ADD LIFT TO STUDENT LIFE

The Mercedes High School Choir is composed of freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior members. These students work hard all year and present concerts to the student body at various occasions. This year a new added attraction was the girls choir composed of junior and senior girls. There was also a boys choir composed of junior and senior boys. The Choir is under the direction of Mr. J. Penn.



## KEY CLUB ENCOURAGES LEADERSHIP

The Key Club is an international organization composed of boys in the upper three grades of high school. Each year the members vote on and select boys with leadership abilities and high scholastic standing to enter the club. They also elect four duchesses representing the four classes. From these the Key Heart is elected. This year the duchesses are Ann Lauder, freshmen class, Irma Ortiz, sophomore class, Teresa Hoverson, junior class, and Bebe Crooks, Key Heart.

President							. Ray Dillon
Vice-President							. J. R. Bono
Secretary							. Ted Hollon
Treasurer					Sa	mmy	Montgomery
Sergeant at Arm	18						.Saul Pineda
Sponsor		+				Mr.	Don Tidwell



Row one: Robert D. Garcia, Homer Garza, Ted Hollon, Martin Brewer, Rey Gutierrez, Saul Pineda, Danny Parker. Row two: Armando Lopez, Ramon Gonzales, Sammy Montgomery, Arnoldo Flores, Gilbert Lopez, Art Cowden, Kennth Jones, Scott Sparrow. Row three: J. R. Bono, Ray Dillon, Martin Albright, Lindley Lentz, Jack Lyons, John Pemelton, David Hovada.





"M" Association officers worked hard to make the 12th annual "M" Association Tournament a success.

# 12TH ANNUAL "M" TOURNEY

President				Raul Galvan
Vice-President				Saul Pineda
Secretary				Roy Rodriguez
Treasurer				Sammy Montgomery
Parliamentarian				Rolando Bono

"M" Association is strictly a letterman's club and each letterman must be initiated and voted into the club. Each year the club sponsors the "M" Association basketball tournament in our gym. Trophies are awarded to the three top teams. This year the Mercedes "B" Team won 1st place at the Tournament.



Row one: George Metzger, Gary Schwarz, Adolfo Garza, Saul Pineda, Feliciano Cuadra. Row two: Raul Galvan, Harry Schwarz, Sammy Montgomery, Lindley Lentz, Fernando Chimley. Row three: Bobby Martell, Arnoldo Flores, David Hovda, Rolando Bono, Jack Lyons, Art Cowden, Tati Tanguma.

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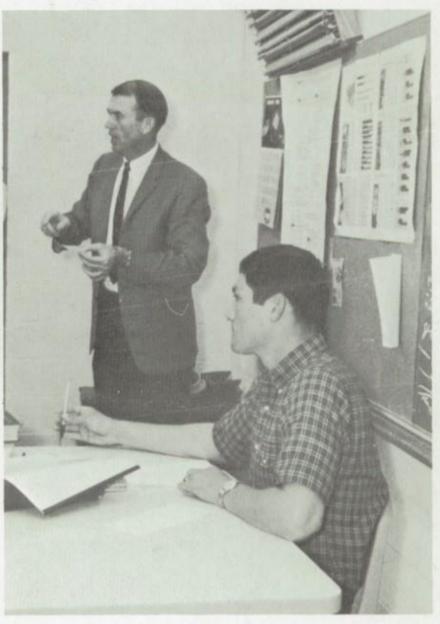
Sammy Montgomery, Saul Pineda, Adolfo Garza, and Larry Schwarz sell cokes at "M" Tourney.



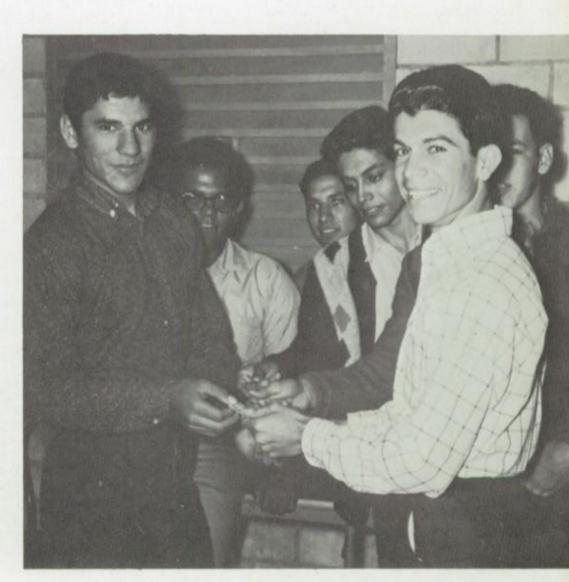
Raul Galvan sells some popcorn at the tournament.



Rolando Bono presents the consolation trophy to Mercedes Jr. High team captains and their coach.



Coach Hatley talks to boys at an "M" Association meeting while Raul Galvan, president, listens attentively.



Tirso Garza sells a tournament ticket to Jesse Tervino at the 12th annual "M" Tourney.



Row one: Mari Lozano, Mildred Rios, Gloria Siva, Mary Lou Quiroga, Diana Gonzales, Mr. Petross. Row two: Lydia de Hoyos Sylvia Solis, Sylvia Palacios, Virginia Munoz, Maria Elena Rodriquez, Letty Garcia, Diana Cortez. Row three: Margie Tor res. Olga Franco, Berta Galvan, Betty Jean Martell, Sylvia Ann Mondragon, Janie Serna, Emma Flores, Sylvia Garces.

## FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS SEEK CAREERS IN BUSINESS WORLD



President									Mary Lou Quiroga
Vice-Pres	sid	en	ıt						Olga Franco
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									Diana Cortez
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The Future Business Leaders of America Club is open to juniors and seniors interested in making a career in the business world. They usually have business leaders from the city speak at the meetings. They show films and have discussions in line with the highest professional interests of business education. This year the club elected its first sweetheart, Mildred Rios.



Row one: Mike Green, Barbara Reger, Brenda Brothers, Sandra Marroquin, Yvette Romeros, Vangie Martinez, Socorro Palomo, Aida Martinez, Elizabeth Soto, Nolda Garza, Maria Elena Longoria, Kathy Mitchell. Row two: Mr. Taylor, San Juanita Gonzalez, Mary Garcia, Maureen Hager, Bonnie Bazar, Beth Herndon, Linda Barnum, Cindy Champion, Lydia Barron, Letty Garcia, Mari Lozano, Janie Sanchez, Carmen Garza, Janie Perez. Row three: Mary Canty, Beth Ferguson, Karen Diehl, Gilsie Knapp, Vicki Wade, Bobbie Kay Jones, Colma Lentz, Teresa Hoverson, Mary Helen Cantu, Diana Cortez, Irma Martinez, Sylvia Mondragon, Raul Galvan, Trent Taylor.

## THESPIANS COMPETE IN UIL

Mr. David Taylor is Thespians sponsor this year.



President				. Maureen Hager
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S.C. Representative				Beth Ferguson

The Thespians are affliated with the National Thespians. The club is open to freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior students. Every year the Thespians participate in the One-Act Play. This year the Thespian sponsor is Mr. David Taylor.



BENGAL Staff members are, sitting: Mary Edna Basaldua, Diane Rios, Rey Gutierrez, Sylvia Ann Mondragon. Standing: Mildred Rios, Mary Lou Quiroga, Ester Sanchez, Sandra Champion, Janie Serna, Lettie Garcia, Fidelia Quintanilla.

Pictured below are seated: Editor Diane Rios, Business Manager, Rey Gutierrez. Standing: Assistant Editor, Mary Edna Basaldua.

Diane Rios

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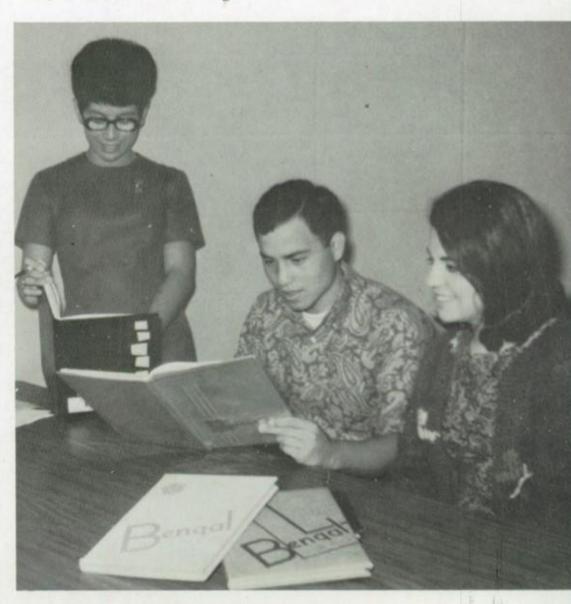
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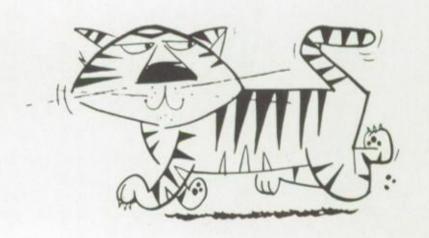
Mr. Mymern helps staff members meet the deadline in order to get a spring annual.



BENGAL Staff members like to experiment with new picture techniques.



Mr. James Mymern - Sponsor



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### FFA BOYS PARTICIPATE



Row one: Billy Joe Irvin, Noel Fernandez, Catarino de Leon, Jimmy Wade, Yolanda Ortiz, Saul Pineda, Mario Rodriquez, Rolando Marroquin. Row two: Rodolfo Rodriquez, Jose Luis Cavazos, Mike Guerrero, Jimmy Terry, Louis Bunton, Fernando Dominquez, Mike Marroquin, Roy Rodriquez, Enrique Enriques. Row three: Isidro Robles, Elias Hernandez, Johnny Flores, Luis Garcia, Mike Chacon, Rudy Rivera, David Mitchell. Row four: Arturo Rodriquez, Alonzo Calvillo, Johnny Cantu, Ruben Pena, Wally Prado, Pete Chacon, Benito Garza, Daniel Franco.

Billy Joe Irvin placed 1st in the Senior Blocking at the Donna Lamb and Sheep Exposition.



David Elizondo is shown working on the Grinder in the Ag. Shop.



## IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

President								Saul Pineda
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Future Farmers of America is a national organization open to boys taking vocational agriculture. This organization has participated in local, district, area and state activities. FFA activities include participating in district and area leadership contests; district, area and state judging contests; district and area banquets; participating at Donna Lamb Show, entering cattle, hogs and chickens in the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show; and putting on their annual Horse Show.

Sweethearts this year are Yolanda Ortiz, Blue Jean Queen finalist, and Gilsie Knapp, Cover Girl Contestant.



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## PROJECTION '72

The purpose of Projection '72 is to get the 1968 Senior's predictions as to what they will be doing in 1972. The answers varied widely from living on the moon to raising a family in dear old Mercedes. They all seem to want a new gym, cafeteria, and various other additions for our new school. Most of the 1968 Seniors will either be married by 1972 or will be finishing their college education. The majority of them thought that the world will be in the same situation as it is today. Well, whatever the world situation will be in 1972, the graduating Class of '68 will strive to make this world a better place to live.

- The four questions which they were asked are: 1. Where do you think you will be in 1972?
  - 2. Do you think you will be married by 1972?
  - 3. In what situation do you think the world will be in 1972?
  - 4. What changes would you like to see in Mercedes High School by 1972?



Keith Billings

By 1972 I'll be taking my laboratory training in a certified ASCP hospital. I don't think that I will be married by 1972. The world will be in the same type of situation as it is now. I'd like to see more school spirit in Mercedes High School.



Ray Dillon

I'll be in college by 1972, but I won't be married by that time. The world situation in 1972 will depend on who wins the presidential elections this year. I like Mercedes High School as it is and would not like any changes.



Rolando Bono

In 1972 I'll be in college. No, I will not be married by 1972. The world situation in 1972 will be the same as it is now - a mess! I hope by 1972 all the teams will be in top form with football, basketball, and track teams winning at least district.



Eddy H. Dominguez

I hope to have completed college by 1972, but if I don't make it the first year it will be Viet Nam for me. Before I think of marriage, I'm going to have lots of fun. The world will be in a bad situation by that time. I'd like to see more young women teachers in MHS.



Martha Chimely

In 1972 I'll be in a larger city in Texas or in another state. Yes, I'll be married by 1972. In 1972 we will either have complete peace or we'll be in World War III. I'd like to see more rooms, more landscapes, and more understanding teachers.



Richard Drawe

I'll be in my junior year of veterinary medicine at A & M University. I hope I won't be married four years from now, but you never know. If there is a world, we'll be in the same situation. I'd like to see less restrictions on students by the faculty.



Diana Cortez

Well, four years from now I'll be surfing away in La Jolla, California. Maybe I'll be married. It all depends on how things go in the future. The world will be in the same situation - war! MHS will change by 1972 because of changing times.



Janette Fletcher

I hope I'll be married and tending to a bunch of kids by 1972. I don't know about the world situation, but I hope it is better than it is now! I only wish that students can take or drop any subject they want as long as they meet graduation requirements.



Bebe Crooks

Probably by 1972 I will be married, but I have no idea where I will be. By 1972 there will not be any middle class only the rich, upper class and the lower, poorer class. I hope the lower classmen will have the opportunity to participate in more school activities.



Abraham Flores

I hope I'm not in Heaven (??) at that time! Marriage is for the birds (tweet)!! Basically, the same wars will lessen the world progressive power and automation will be in greater use. MHS should have among other things a swimming pool and billiards instead of a study hall.



Olga Franco

I won't be in Mercedes! But maybe I'll be married by then. The way things are going right now, it probably won't be in a very good situation four years from now. I hope those kids have more assemblies than we had.



Mario Garza

I'll probably be living here in Mercedes or else I'll be serving in Viet Nam. No, I won't be married by 1972. The war in Viet Nam will be still on. We'll also have the same President. The school is fine the way it is today. No changes should be made.



Jesse Garces

I'll be stationed in West Germany in the Air Force. Maybe I'll be married by then. The world situation will be the same as far as peace is concerned, but I think transportation, communications, etc., will be greatly developed. I would like more decent road exits.



Natividad Garza

In May of 1972 I shall be graduating from Pan Am. In September of 1972 I shall start my career as a history teacher here in MHS. No, I won't be married. The world will be much the same. I want places for the MHS students to sit on at lunch time.



Angelita Garcia

I'll probably be here in Mercedes working in one of the hospitals in our neighboring towns. No, I won't be married. That's only four years from now - too soon. The changes I would like to see in MHS are new floors in the mall area, a gym, and prettier landscapes.



Susano Garza

I will probably be in college or in the service. I don't think that I'll be married by 1972. The world situation will be the same or worse. I would like to see more administrative control over students that need more disciplinary control.



Elida Garcia

I'll be some place in the Valley. No, I won't be married four years from now. The world situation will be the same as it is now or even worse. As to the changes in MHS, I would like for the Tigers to be the best football team.



Lydia Gomez

I don't know where I'll be in 1972. I don't think I'll be married by then. I hope that by 1972 there will be peace in the world. I would like more parking space and lots of flowers around the school.



Leticia Garcia

Probably I'll be flying all over the world for some airline or trying to get my degree. Before I settle down for good, I want to have lots of fun, so I won't be married by then. I hope the Viet Nam war will be over. I would like to see students and teachers dating.



Adan Gonzalez

Hopefully, I'll be in Mercedes in 1972. No, I won't be married by 1972! I myself would like to know what the world situation will be in 1972. I'd like to see doors in the rooms, a new band hall, and a cafeteria, a snack bar and more plants outside.



Mary Ester Garcia

Yes, I'll probably be in my first or second year of marriage and finishing my last year of college. The world's condition four years from now will be the same or worse. I would like to see more wings added as for choir and art and maybe a snack bar.



Anna Gonzalez

I'll be in Mercedes leading a peaceful life as usual. There might be a chance that I'll be married by 1972. I believe the world will be more advanced in medicine and science. I hope MHS will be enenlarged so the area will not be over crowded.



Homer Garza

In 1972 I will probably be here in Mercedes. Yes, I think I'll be married by then. By that time the Viet Nam war will be over and there will be peace for a short while. I would like to see some new Senior sponsors.



Cynthia Gonzalez

I'll be in college finishing my major in government. I hope I'll be married by 1972. If by that time Nixon is President, my opinion of the world is. . . "rotten." I would like some fire extinguishers in the chemistry lab and a new auditorium.



Ramon Gonzalez

Possibly I'll be teaching by 1972. If I am successful in college and reach my goal, I'll probably be married. Hopefully, I think that by that time we will be much closer to the moon. I would like to see a larger parking lot and a new cafeteria.



Ted Hollon

If I am still alive and the earth is still intact, I'll probably be in the Merchant Marines. I don't know whether I'll be married or not. I don't even know whether there will be a world in 1972! I hope the teachers' attitudes toward dress will change.



Maria Anita Guajardo

By 1972 I'll either be in college or in the air force. I will definitely not be married! The world will be in greater danger of World War III. I hope that MHS will have a better football team and a larger pep squad.



Janice Hoverson

I'll be finishing college. No, I won't be married by then. The world situation will be the same. A new gym and cafeteria are the changes I want in this school.



Virginia Guerrero

In 1972 I'll be making the best out of life. Sure I'll be married by then. The world situation will be mixed as always and more complicated. The faculty should be more understanding toward the students. There should be more student power.



Sharon Jones

I believe I'll be at Texas A&I University getting my veterinarian degree. No, I won't be married by 1972. We'll probably be in a world war or close to it. I hope there will be a better teaching program set up.



Rey Gutierrez

I hope by 1972 I'll be on earth. Maybe I will be married. What world!! I hope MHS will have a winning football, basketball, and track team. There should be student control over the school faculty and activities.



Lindley Lentz

I hope to be at Baylor University. Yes, I hope I'll be married by then. The world situation will either be peaceful, warring, or the same as today. I'd like to see "PAID IN FULL" stamped all over the grounds and buildings.



Roetta Harold

I'll be living with my husband and taking care of our baby. Yes, definitely I'll be married. There are possibilities of a war, but I hope nothing becomes of it. I would like to see Mrs. Barron still as MHS counselor because she is very good.



Beatrice de Leon

I'll be in my Senior year at Pan Am, or a college up State. If I do get married in 1972, it will be after I get my degree. The tension will be greater by 1972, but I think there will be peace. I'd like to see a new gym and cafeteria here at the new school.



Juanita Hernandez

In 1972 I'll be here in Mercedes. I think that I will be married by that time. The world will probably be in the same situation. MHS is okay as it is, but I hope the girls' dresses will not become any shorter and boys hair will be neat.



Catarino de Leon

I'll be in college in 1972. Maybe, I'll be married. There will still be a war by 1972. I'd like to see more classrooms and teachers in MHS in 1972.



Sylvia Hinojosa

I'll be an instructor at Magic Valley Beauty College in San Juan. Maybe I will be married and maybe not. There won't be any fighting here on earth, but there will be in outer space. I would like to see MHS completed and the streets widened.



Armando Lopez

I won't be in Mercedes! I'll be happily married by 1972. The world situation will definitely be worse than now. The changes I'd like to see in MHS is more beautiful girls and teachers.



Enoelia Martinez

In 1972 I'll be more than likely still be living here in the Valley. Yes, I'll definitely be married because if I'm not I might as well forget it. The world situation will be the same. I'd like to see a new stadium beside the school.



Ruben Pena

I'll probably be in the U.S. Navy. Yes, I will be married by 1972. I hope there are less riots, and that the younger generation will have a say-so in the government. I hope the cafeteria, gym, and auditorium will be attached to the school.



Shirley Massey

I don't know where I'll be, but it won't be here! No, I won't be married. The world will be in pretty bad shape. I'd like to see the school completed, more good teachers, and equipment.



Saul Pineda

I'll be in the army on the moon. No, I will not be married! The world situation will be the same or worse. I'd like to see a sport program for girls.



Sylvia Ann Mondragon

I'll be in Houston working for a large company as a commercial artist. No, I won't be married. I hope that by 1972, the Viet Nam war will be over. MHS needs more school spirit and exam exemptions for the honor students.



Fidelia Quintanilla

I think I'll be somewhere. I absolutely, positively will not be married!! There will be a population explosion on the moon. I'd like to see Mr. Churchill's room less air-conditioned.



Sammy Montgomery

I think I'll be in my senior year at A & I. No, I will not be married. The world situation will be the same as it is today. I would not like to see any changes in MHS.



Romel Quintanilla

I'll be in Pan Am by 1972. I'll probably be divorced. The world will have collapsed by 1972. The change I'd like to see in MHS is not teachers.



Yolanda Ortiz

I'll be in college sweating it out till I get my degree. No, I'd like to live a little before getting married. I'd like to see more departments built, more lockers, and full length mirrors in the restrooms.



Mary Lou Quiroga

I'll be a registered nurse in Austin, I hope. Yes, I'll be married by then. The world situation will be a complete disaster. I'd like to see more students participate in school activities.



Sylvia Palacios

I'll be in Houston because that is where Kune and I plan to live. Yes, you'd better believe that I'll be married. The teen-agers are going to be worse than us, and that is going to be pretty bad! To tell you the truth, MHS doesn't need any changes.



Barbara Reger

I'll still be in Texas, though not in the Valley. My gosh, I hope I'll be married! The war will be over in Viet Nam. I'd like to see more school spirit and better representation of the school.



Daniel Parker

I'll be in college and possibly married. The world situation will be lousy. MHS does not need any changes.



Florinda Reyes

I'll be working as a secretary. I'm not sure if I'll be married, maybe I will. The problems of war, starvation, and diseases will still be on. I'd like MHS to have ten minute breaks between periods instead of 5.



Diane Rios

I'll be close to the end of some training in the medical field. Maybe I'll be married if the right guy comes along. By 1972 someone will have probably reached the moon. I'd like to see more school spirit.



Sherri Schwarz

I hope I'll be graduated from Baylor and going into speech therapy. I hope I'll be married if the right man comes along. I think we'll always have some type of war. I hope there will be school projects and functions for more spirit and unity in MHS.



Marilyn Roach

I'll be in college and maybe married. The world situation will be about the same. The only change in MHS I'd like to see is test exemptions.



Janie Serna

I'll be either graduating from college or a nurse in the army. I doubt it seriously if I'll be married by then! The world situation will be the same as it is right now. I'd like to see more school spirit and participation of students in school activities.



Arturo Rodriguez

I'll be working some place up north. Yes, I feel I'll be married by 1972. The world situation will be the same. I hope that teachers will let students argue a point they think is right instead of quieting him.



Gloria Silva

In 1972 I'll probably be in Washington D.C. in the White House. I'm hoping, wishing, and praying that I'll be married by 1972! The wars will not end until someone is the good guy and stops the bombings. I'd like to see a snack bar in MHS.



Mario Rodriguez

I'll be in college, but I won't be married. The world situation will be critical. I like MHS as it is.



Clemente Solis Jr.

By 1972 I'll be in Chicago. I could be married by then, but I doubt it. The world situation will not be much different than it is now. I'd like to see more student governing of school affiars.



Maria Elena Rodriguez

I'll be in Mercedes but working in another town in a beauty shop. Yes, I'll probably be married by then. I'd like to see prettier landscape and a new cafeteria at MHS.



Rosa Nelda Solis

I'll be in my last year of college and planning my future as a teacher. Yes, I hope I'll be married. I hope the world will be better than it is now. I'd like to see taller freshmen in MHS!



Rodolfo Rodriguez

I will be here in Mercedes. Yes, I hope I'll be married. If I do get married, the world will be in a good situation. I like MHS as it is.



Patti Sue Swain

I will be in Texas. Yes, I'll absolutely be married. The world will be a complete uproar or mixed-up with all the wars going on. I's like to see a soda fountain or a snack bar.



Derrelene Ryan

I'll be somewhere in Texas. Yes, I will be married. The world situation will be a complete catastrophe. I'd like to see students have more "say-so" in school policies.



Nelda Villarreal

I hope to be in a big town either working or studying. Yes, I'll be married! I don't have any comment on the world situation of 1972. MHS should have the parking lots fixed.

YOLANDA AYALA. FHA; FBLA; Choir.

MARY EDNA BASALDUA. FTA, Reporter '65-'66, Vice-Pres. '67-'68, Pres. '67-'68; NHS; Perfect Attendance 1 yr.; Student Council Par.; Jr. Class Rec. Sec.; Sr. Class Favorite, Student Council Rep., Sr. Play; Soph. Skit; Biology Award; Band; UIL Ass. Bengal Ed.; Science Fair.

KEITH BILLINGS. Fr. Class Sec.-Treas.; Soph. Skit; Jr. Class Pres.; Student Council Pres. & Treas.; Boys State; Sept. Rotary Boy; Key Club, Sr. Class Favorite; Best All Around Boy; Teens Sweetheart; Texas Youth Conference.

JOSE ROLANDO BONO. Sr. Class President; Dec. Rotary Boy; Key Club, Vice-Pres.; Student Council Hist.; "M" Assn. Parliamentarian; Tiger Council; Track; Football; Basketball; Boys State.

MARTHA CHIMELY. FTA; Perfect Attendance - 3 years.

DIANA CORTEZ. Fr. & Soph. Class Reporter; FHA, 3 yrs.; Pep Squad; FBLA Parliamentarian; Thespians; Student Council; Choir Pres.; FTA.

BEBE CROOKS. NHS; ZES; Y-Teens Pres.; Band Council; Key Heart; Homecoming Duchess; Tennis - District; Sr. Class Student Council Rep.; Carnival Queen; Girls State; Dec. Rotary Girl.

RAY DILLON. Key Club Pres.; Jan. Rotary Boy; Science Fair Sweepstakes; Chemistry Award; Lamb Contest Sweepstakes; NHS; Band.

EDDY DOMINGUEZ. FFA; Choir; Sr. Play; Basketball; Perfect Attendance.

RICHARD DRAWE. Band.

JANETTE FLETCHER. Band, 4 yrs.; Y-Teens Vice-Pres. & "Y-Teen of the Year"; FHA Corr. Sec.; FTA.

ABRAHAM FLORES. Football; Track; La Lengua.

OLGA FRANCO. FHA 2nd Vice-Pres., 2 yrs.; Junior, Chapter, & State Degree; Student Council, 2 yrs.; Fr. Class Student Council Rep.; Soph. Class Corr. Sec.; Jr. Class 2nd. Vice-Pres.; FBLA Vice-Pres.; VOE Sec.; Perfect Attendance 3 yrs.

ANGIE GARCIA. FTA; FBLA; Quill & Scroll; Tiger; La Lengua.

ELIDA GARCIA. FHA; FTA; FBLA; Choir.

LETTIE GARCIA. Fr. Cheerleader; FHA, 3 yrs.; FBLA; Choir Sec.; Pep Squad; FTA; Thespians; Bengal; Soph. Skit; Sr. Play; Christmas Angel '65-'66.

MARY ESTER GARCIA. FHA; Choir; FBLA.

HOMER GARZA. Fr. & Soph. Class Favorite; All-School Sweetheart; ZES Sweetheart; FFA; FTA; Football; Key Club; Soph. Skit and Class Pres.; Sr. Class Vice-Pres.; Student Council.

MARIO GARZA. FFA; Tiger Reporter; VOE.

NATIVIDAD GARZA. FHA; FTA; VOE; Choir; Creative Bits; Science Fair; Perfect Attendance 1 yr.; UIL; Sr. Play.

LYDIA GOMEZ. FHA; Pep Squad.

ADAN GONZALEZ, JR. FTA; Band; Creative Bits.

CYNTHIA GONZALEZ. Choir DECA Vice-Pres.; Scienc Fair; FBLA.

RAMON GONZALEZ. FFA; Jr. Class Parliamentarian; Most Popular Boy; Key Club; Sr. Class Parliamentarian.

ANITA GUAJARDO. FTA; FHA; Fr. Cheerleader; Pep Squad.

VIRGINIA GUERRERO. VOE; Y-Teens; NYC.

REY GUTIERREZ. Football; Basketball; Track; Soph. Skit; FFA; FTA; Key Club; Bengal; Sr. Play.

ROETTA HARRELL. Band, 5 yrs.; UIL; Y-Teens Song Leader & Hist.; Creative Bits; Soph. Skit.

BELINDA HERNANDEZ. Fr. Class Favorite, Vice-Pres.; Cheerleader; FHA; Choir Librarian, Vice-Pres.; Pep Squad Vice-Pres. & Sec.; B-Team Cheerleader; Soph. Class Vice-Pres. & Skit; UIL; Jr. Class Vice-Pres.; Sr. Class Trea.; Tiger Cheerleader; Carnival Queen; Homecoming Queen; Football Sweetheart; Most Popular Girl.

JUANITA HERNANDEZ. FHA; Choir; Pep Squad.

SYLVIA HINOJOSA. FTA; FBLA; FHA; VOE.

TED HOLLON. Football, Key Club Sec.; Baseball.

JANICE HOVERSON. Tiger Ed.; Jr. Key Club Duchess; Blue Queen Contest; Jr. Halloween Queen Candidate; Journalism Award; Band Reporter; Y-Teens Reporter; ZES Sec.; NHS.

SHARON JONES. Tennis, District; Y-Teens Sec.; Sr. Class Student Council Rep.; FTA.

LINDLEY LENTZ. Thespians; Student Council Rep. & Trea.; Key Club; "M" Ass.; Football; UIL; Band Vice-Pres.; Creative Bits; Tiger Council.

BEATRICE DE LEON. FTA Pres.; NHS Rec. Sec.; ZES Vice-Pres.; Sr. Class Rec. Sec.; Soph. Class Rec. Sec.; Tiger Managing Ed.; FHA; Student Council; DAR Am. Hist. & Good Chizenship Award; Girls State 1st Alt.; Perfect Attendance; Honor Roll Pins, 3 yrs.; Pan AM Math Field Day; UIL; Nov. Rotary Girl.

CATARINO DE LEON. FFA Trea.; Perfect Attendance.

ARMANDO LOPEZ. NHS, 2 yrs.; Key Club; Student Council Vice-Pres.; Most Handsome; All-School Sweetheart '68; Creative Bits; Sr. Play.

GILBERT LOPES. Key Club.

ENOELIA MARTINEZ DE Sweetheart.

JOHNNY MARTINEZ. NYC Pres. & Sergeant-at-Arms.

SHIRLEY MASSEY. Band; Y-Teens.

SYLVIA ANN MONDRAGON. Fr. Cheelreader; Twirler '65; Head Twirler '66, '67, '68; FFA Sweetheart; Cover Girl Candidate; Soph. Skit; Science Fair 1st Place; Sr. Play; UIL; FHA Hist.; FTA; FBLA; NHS Student Council Rep.; Student Council Rec. Sec.; Band Council; Bengal; Thespians.

SAMMY MONTGOMERY Y-Teen October Beau of the Month; Soph. Class Trea.; Football, 3 yrs.; Basketball; Key Club; "M" Ass., 3 yrs., Trea.; Tiger; Feb. Rotary Boy.

ARGENTINA ORTIZ. VOE.

YOLANDA ORTIZ. FFA Sweetheart; FHA; Varsity Cheerleader; NHS; Senior Class Reporter.

SYLVIA PALACIOS. VOE; Choir Parliamentarian; FBLA; FHA; Soph. Skit.

DANIEL PARKER. VOE; Key Club.

RUBEN PENA. FFA

SAUL PINEDA. FFA, 4 yrs., Pres.; Fooball, 4 yrs.; Track; Sr. Play; "M" Assn. Vice-Pres.; Key Club Sergeant-at-Arms; Tiger Sports Ed.; Most Popular; Tiger Council.

FIDELIA QUINTANILLA. FHA; Soph. Skit; FTA Trea.; Sr. Play; Perfect Attendance; Bengal.

ROMEL QUINTANILLA. Student Council; NYC Vice-Pres.

MARY LOU QUIROGA. FNA; FHA Corr. Sec.; FTA Sec.; FBLA Pres. & Student Council Rep.; Student Council 2 yrs.; NHS; Bengal; Creative Bits; UIL.

BARBARA REGER. Thespians, 4 yrs.; Y-Teens; ZES Pres.; NHS Hist.; Band; Pep Squad; Varsity Cheerleader; Soph. Skit; Student Council Reporter; UIL; Sr. Class Corr. Sec.; Homecoming Duchess; Feb. Rotary Girl; Creative Bits.

FLORINDA REYES. VOE; Choir.

MARIA REYES. DECA; FHA.

DIANE RIOS. FHA, 2 yrs., 3rd Vice-Pres.; Jr. Degree; FNA, 1 yr.; ZES 3 yrs.; Student Council Rep.; Y-Teens, 2 yrs.; Worship Chairman; Soph. Skit; Student Council, 3 yrs., Chaplain 2 yrs.; Bengal Ed.; FTA, 2 yrs.; Band, 4 yrs., UIL, Band Council; NHS, 2 yrs.; Texas Youth Conference; Sr. Play; Science Fair.

MARILYN ROACH. VOE Sweetheart; Y-Teens, 4 yrs., & Worship Chairman '66- '67; Jr. Class Reporter.

ARTURO RODRIGUEZ. FFA.

MARIA ELENA RODRIGUEZ. FBLA; La Lengua; Choir.

MARIO RODRIGUEZ. FFA Secretary.

RODOLFO RODRIGUEZ. FFA Vice-Pres.; Sentinel; Football; Basketball; Track.

DERRELENE RYAN. Key Club Duchess; Girl State Alternate; 1968 Cover Girl; Most Beautiful; Grand Champion Lamb; Blue Jean Queen Contestant; Student Council Rep.; Y-Teens; VOE.

SHERRI SCHWARZ. Y-Teens Pres.; Student Council Rep.; Student Council Sec.; Jr. Class Corr. Sec.; Sr. Class Student Council Rep.; Twirler, 1 yr.; Drum Major, 1 yr.; Band Sweetheart; Band Council; Halloween Carnival Queen '64; Soph. Favorite; Sept. Rotary Girl; Girls State; Key Club Duchess.

JANIE SERNA. Perfect Attendance, 3 yrs.; FTA Sec., Vice-Pres.; FBLA Student Council Rep.; NHS; Student Council, 3 yrs.; Soph. Skit; Pep Squad; Bengal; Sr. Play; FNA.

GLORIA SILVA. FHA; Pep Squad; FTA Student Council Rep., Reporter; FBLA; Soph. Class Parliamentarian; Jr. Class Trea. & Class Favorite; All-School Sweetheart; VOE Vice-Pres.; Sr. Class Student Council Rep.

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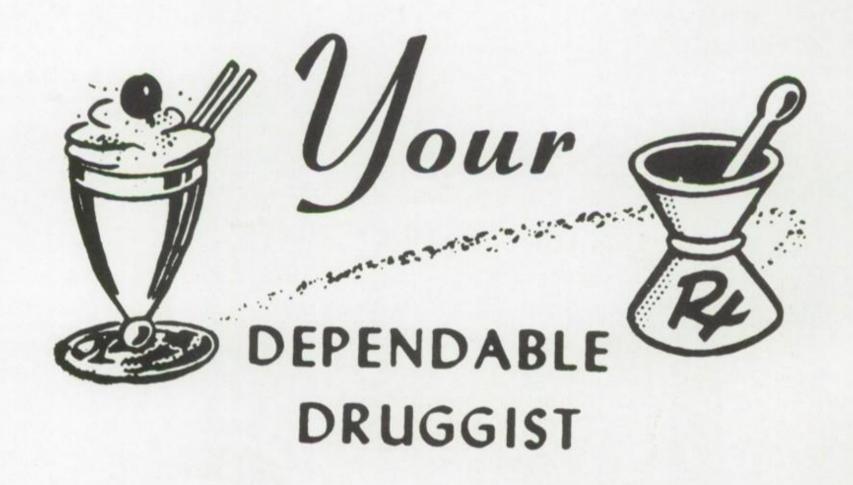
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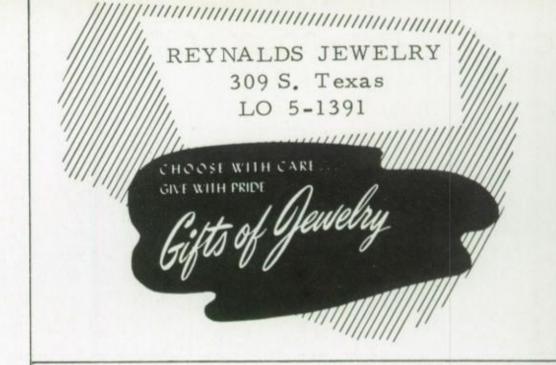
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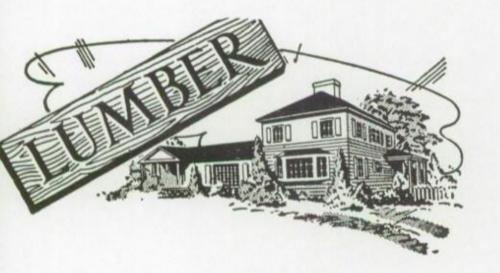
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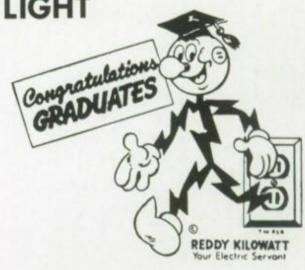
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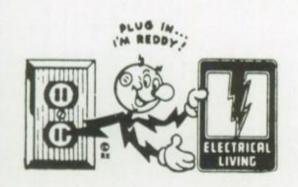
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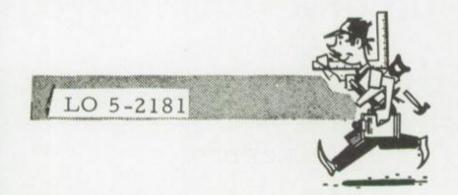
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